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Ace goalkeeper pulls up stakes FRANKEN TO MOVE



BY TOM ANDERSON

BRILLIANT Sydney Croatia goalkeeper Tony Franken is on the move and expects to join another NSL club within the next two weeks.

Croatia has agreed to his transfer request and has placed him on a fee of \$35,000.

Apia has already spoken to Franken and has opened transfer negotiations with Croatia.

Franken disclosed at the weekend he had arrived at his decision after Croatia signed Young Socceroo and Olympic Games squad custodian Mark Bosnich.

"Obviously the club views Mark as their first team choice and at my stage in my career, I don't want to play second fiddle to the youngster," he said.

"I've had seven glorious seasons with Croatia and I'll be leaving on good terms.

"I aim to win back my place in the senior Socceroo squad and I can't do this in Croatia's

reserve team.

"I have spoken with a couple of clubs including Apia and I'm confident of being back in harness for the start of the season.

"Despite the \$35,000 fee placed on me, I'm sure Croatia will not stand in my way when it comes to joining another club.

"If the worst comes to the worst I will appeal against the fee."

Franken is one of the most talented custodians on the NSL scene and a move will no doubt work wonders for his career.

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In recent times, Craig Johnston, Frank Farina, Graham Arnold, Eddie Krncevic, John Kosmina and young Paul Okon have become household names.

All part of the fascinating history of the

game of soccer in this country.

Every generation produces its own permutation of favourites, who capture public favour.

But now, with the cream of Australia's talent performing on foreign fields, the ASF, the NSL and the clubs must make a combined effort to foster and promote a new array of stars on the local scene.

Youngsters whose talents can unlock the gateway to the stars.

Too often in the past, officialdom in this country has blamed the media for failing to promote and develop personalities. This is taking the easy way out.

Players and coaches must be made readily available to the media at all times

during the coming season.

They must be projected by the ASF, the NSL and the clubs. Not hidden away, allowed to become faceless men, behind the numbers on the players' shirts.

Every code in sport needs its heroes and soccer is no exception.

And the ball now lies fairly and squarely in the court of the ever increasing of promotion and marketing ideas now on the scene.

The time has come for these people to earn their keep, and to promote the players and coaches and not officials.

THE END

Agostino is a world star

MONTECATINI, Italy — FIFA, the world governing body of soccer, has chosen 11 players for the MasterCard All-Star Team based on their performances during the FIFA Under-17 World Championship for the JVC Cup.

The 32 match tournament, which began August 16 and concluded August 31, involved 16 countries and more

than 280 of the world's best players under the age of 17.

MasterCard International, an Official Sponsor and the Official Card of the 1994 World Cup, will make a donation of \$500 US dollars in the name of each All-Star member to the charity of his choice.

A panel comprised of members from the FIFA Technical Study Group chose one player — 11 in total — from each position for the MasterCard All-Star Team.

MasterCard All-Star Team at the FIFA Under-17 World Championship

- Goalkeeper, Kyle Campbell, USA.
- Sweeper, Isaac Asare, Ghana.
- Right Defender, Alessandro Rinaldi, Italy.
- Central Defender/Stopper, Enrique Medina, Spain.
- Left Defender, Kofi Mbeah Jr., Ghana.
- Right Midfield, Deng Lejun, China.
- Central Midfield, Nii Odattey Lamptey, Ghana.
- Central Midfield, Adriano Silva, Brazil.
- Left Midfield, Gustavo Adrian Lombardi, Argentina.
- Striker, Antonio Segura Robaina, Spain.
- Striker, Paul Agostino, Australia.

Agostino will donate his \$500 US to the Royal NSW Institute for Deaf and Blind Children.

"It has been generally more difficult for the young individuals to stand out in this year's tournament compared with previous editions," said Rene Hussy, leader of the FIFA Technical Study Group.

"The teams have been more disciplined. But we're sure that the MasterCard All Star Team which we have chosen, if they had a real chance to play together, would provide a marvelously creative group of young footballers."

"We are proud to recognise and honour these outstanding young players — the future of world championship soccer," said Alex McKeveny, MasterCard Vice President of



PAUL AGOSTINO

sociated themselves with."

MasterCard's support of worldwide charities — tied to international soccer events — began with the 1990 World Cup, when approximately \$60,000 was contributed to various national and international charities on behalf of World Cup players through the MasterCard Award.

The Award was presented to one player in each of 52 World Cup matches who performed the most outstanding or memorable play of the game.

MasterCard also implemented the MasterCard Award program

at the 1991 FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth Championship in Portugal and plans to continue it at other FIFA tournaments leading up to, and including, the 1994 World Cup.

The members of the FIFA Technical Study Group who selected the MasterCard All-Star Team at the FIFA Under-17 Championship for the JVC Cup include: Rene Hussy (Switzerland), Oswaldo Ramirez Salcedo (Peru), Jean Onguene Manga (Cameroon), Eduardo DeLuca (Argentina), Karl Schlatter (Switzerland) and Walter Gagg (FIFA).

The Olympic tour is off

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE Australian Olympic tour was cancelled less than 48 hours before the squad was set to jet out today.

The decision to ditch the tour was made by ASF commissioners when they met on Saturday.

The reason given was poor organisation by English based agents who were in a sorry state.

Even on Saturday, when the tour was to have a final match schedule was not available.

Also the quality of opponents for which were organised, were not up to standard.

There has also been great controversy over the preparation for the tour which was held last week, at the ASF's expense.

Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson and planned to meet up with the players who arrived in Switzerland.

Another factor which led to the cancellation of the tour was the uncertainty over the coverage which had been promised for the entire tour.

In such a climate, the tour seemed an alternative but to call it off was the only option.

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TWO EXPORTS BLAZE A EUROPEAN TRAIL

BY LOU GAUTIER

ROBBIE Slater continues to be in scintillating form in France.

The former Socceroo scored a tremendous goal to help his club Lens to a 1-1 draw with Saint-Etienne last week.

It was Slater's initial First Division goal for Lens, the club from the north of France, almost on the Belgian border, he joined when they were in Division Two 14 months ago after an unhappy spell in Anderlecht's reserves.

The match was played at Lens' Felix Bollaert Stadium in front of 25,400 fans who gave the Aussie a standing ovation after his second half goal and also at full-time.

That great performance earned him top marks for the game from the authoritative "France Football."

Slater is now just one point behind the leader the First Division Player of the Year award conducted by the mass-circulation French weekly.

He is playing so well, as a midfielder, that he is not only creating and scoring goals, but also defending brilliantly.

In a 1-1 draw at Toulouse, he saved the result for Lens by saving a certain Toulouse goal with a clearance off his line.

Fifteen minutes earlier it had been his pin-point pass, after a bullocking foray down the right flank, that enabled Pierre Laigle to put Lens ahead 1-0.

Lens have only lost one of their seven league games to date.

Surprisingly, their one defeat was at home — in the very first game of the season.

Australian fans will have the opportunity of seeing Slater in action soon as SBS Television have bought the Lens v St Etienne game, which will be shown as a main match on World Soccer.

AURELIO Vidmar made his Belgian First Division baptism of fire a memorable one.

The ex-Adelaide City Socceroo was not in Kortrijk's season opener against league champions Anderlecht, though.

And probably just as well his clearance was still being held up, preventing him to be part of his side's 4-1 thrashing at home.

Vidmar, however, was one of coach Boudewijn Braems' first choices for the second league match of the year — an away visit to newly promoted Endracht Alost, coached by former Hungarian international Laszlo Fazekas.

Braems will play the Aussie as an out and out striker in his first initial Belgian season and Vidmar did not let him down against Alost.

Adapting remarkably fast to Belgian conditions, Vidmar was amongst the very best players on the park and had a hand in the goal scored by African co-striker Inse Diagne.

A vital goal indeed as it gave Kortrijk a 1-0 win and early season mid-table respectability.



Robbie Slater, now a star with Lens in France.

Vrzina an angry man

BY GREG BLAKE

ST Albans coach Tony Vrzina has alleged that there may be a politically inspired conspiracy against his club, a result of the current unrest in Yugoslavia.

Vrzina went public with his theory last week, a matter of days after he and two other St Albans officials faced the Victorian Soccer Federation tribunal on separate charges related to incidents dur-

ing and after St Albans' 1-1 draw at Morwell Falcons in July.

"I believe something is going on, in light of what is consistently happening to the club", said an angry Vrzina, currently in his second stint in charge of the Croatian-backed club.

"Unknown forces are pressuring the club because of the political situation in Croatia.

"It's smelling of 1972 all over again"

In 1972, at the height of similar unrest between Croats and

Serbs, the then State League club simply known as Croatia was disqualified from all VSF competition following pitch invasions and brawls at an Olympic Park game against Hakoah.

A disqualification that Vrzina believes was politically inspired.

"I believe there is pressure against us again because of the things happening in Croatia at the moment", he told ABSW.

"Political forces don't want us"

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Hong Kong Metro

Canberra Metro striker Paul Foster has gone to Hong Kong for a trial.

The decision to try his luck in Asia with national league side Happy Flower was made after consultation with the Metros and club coach Tom Sermanni.

And while the former Australian Institute of Sport scholarship holder will be missed, the Canberra club has accepted the reality of being able to hang on to its top players now that a Quit National League place has been denied if for at least two years.

Foster, signed from Sunshine George Cross as part of the Metros' build-up to the QNSL, has a maximum \$1500 transfer fee on his head when his contract expires at the end of the current season.

If the Hong Kong club shows interest — and wants to sign him at once — the way is open for a higher fee to be negotiated.

— GRAHAME COOKE

Chit Chat ... Chit Chat ... Chit Chat



LAHIF A REAL BREAKER

YOUNG Australian goalkeeper Sean Lahiff has joined new National League club Newcastle Breakers.

Lahiff returned to Australia a few months ago after having made history by becoming the first Australian to play in the Finnish First Division.

Lahiff, 23, played two seasons for Kuopio, but the club from the outskirts of Helsinki, the Finnish capital, got itself in bad financial shape.

And to meet its creditors, it had to off-load all its star players, including Lahiff.

Now the talented young keeper is back in Australia, able to showcase his talents for the first time in top-flight local soccer.

Keep an eye on Lahiff — he's a good 'un.

With Mark Bosnich also back from overseas, Australia is mightily well endowed with classy young keepers, even if John Filan might be forced overseas soon.

— LOU GAUTIER.

IT COULD BE A NO-TO-MORI FOR BULLEEN!

NEW Premier League power Bulleen is adopting a wait-and-see attitude on its NSL loan star Damian Mori.

Mori, although still tied to relegated Sunshine George Cross, is set to switch from that club following a tribunal decision to reduce his transfer fee from \$35,000 down to a more reasonable \$14,000.

A figure that is acceptable to Bulleen, should the young Socceroo star, currently training with the Aus-

tralian Olympic team, not be snapped up by an NSL club.

"If an NSL club doesn't snap him up we'll certainly keep him", Bulleen spokesman Pat Saladino told ABSW.

"Obviously we wouldn't want to stop him from going to an NSL club but we are very impressed by what he has done for us this year and we want him to stay.

"Of all the NSL guest players in the Premier League he has been one of the few to give 100 percent.

"He has fitted in very well, he lives nearby and for that reason I think he would like to stay."

"But obviously the NSL is his career goal".

The \$14,000 price tag is likely to attract new interest in the attacking midfielder.

Both Melbourne Croatia and Adelaide City have talked to Mori with Croatia agreeing on terms with the player, only to balk at the original \$35,000 transfer fee.

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Storm	\$108	\$90
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World Cup	\$203	\$175
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


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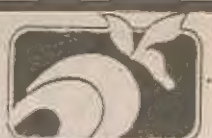
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ROCKDALE ILINDEN 2
W'GAH F'WATER 1

ROCKDALE Ilinden put paid to the hopes fifth placed Warringah Freshwater had of going further in this year's competition when they won the north v south clash 2-1 at Seymour Shaw Park on Sunday.

Rockdale looked the sharper side for long periods of the match and were especially impressive during the opening thirty minutes.

Warringah's fine custodian Peter Gunning was in action early, tipping a Dave Segreto shot over the bar after Stewart Porter's through ball had been nodded on by Bruno Beddoni in the fifteenth minute.

Beddoni himself was in the thick of the action two minutes later, getting the better of the defensive trap before carrying the ball forward, only to deliver a weak shot at Gunning after the ball had run away from him slightly on the approach to goal.

Warringah had a rare chance in this period, Glenn Sterrey steering the ball wide by centimetres after a good square ball by Anthony Versi in the 25th minute.

Rockdale were always dangerous in counter attacking movements and Zlatko Markovski figured prominently in these.

Even without the suspended speedy wingman Greg Lerond, the Ilinden team was a threat in these situations and in the 31st minute they got their first taste of success.

Markovski fed Beddoni down the left side and as the tall striker ventured into the area, he was brought down and referee Alex Spirovski pointed to the spot at once.

Beddoni almost broke the net with the power of his penalty kick which let Gunning grasping at thin air.

In the 39th Gunning was again to the fore, getting down well to save a low snap-shot by Markovski.

Warringah had their only other real chance of the first 45 minutes when seconds before the break, Wayne Pierce was brought down at the edge of the box.

Jose Iriarte curled his free kick delightfully towards the top corner and this time it was Tony Franken's turn to push the ball over the crossbar.

Warringah were still fairly subdued in the first part of the second half, but did manage one good attack in the 54th that



should have produced better.

John McKie made good progress down the right and his excellent cross from the byline eluded players from both sides before being scrambled away to safety.

Sasha Lazarevski was brought down on the edge of the area in the 58th, but Rockdale's free kick came to nought thought they went much closer in the 60th.

Porter's well struck free kick, from 25 metres, curled round the wall and rebounded off the angle of the post and crossbar on the right side, with Gunning well beaten.

Warringah found themselves on level terms in the 70th and it was only after this encouragement that they began to play with any confidence.

Glenn Sterrey lost a ball in midfield, but it was quickly regained by Steve Lombardo, a bench-warming substitute only two minutes earlier.

Lombardo fed Rob de Ceglie who found John McKie with a nice ball on the left of the area, which McKie despatched to the centre.

The ball was out of Franken's reach and no defender could get hold of it either, claving Ross Etherington to pounce at the edge of the box and thump it into an almost unguarded net.

This signalled Warringah's best spell of the game and Alan Dean almost made it 2-1 in the 73rd with his header going just over.

Lombardo nearly caused Rockdale to concede a second in the 83rd, his through ball being nodded back by Darren Wilson, giving Franken barely time to rush back and make a diving save on his own goal-line, instead of collecting an easy back-pass.

The game moved into extra time when Markovski put his shot wide from five metres after a good build up in the closing stages.

The additional thirty minutes was brought to life in the second period when Stewart Porter provided substitute Cesar Mora with a cross and only a timely give by Gunning prevented Mora from scoring the winner there and then.

There was just three minutes of extra time remaining when defender Richard Buchanan bundled the ball over the line for the deciding goal.

Mora lofted over a free kick from the left and when the ball was cleared to Porter that man's cross to the far post was perfect for the lurking Buchanan to steer over the line from a only a few metres out.

Almost right on the final whistle Warringah lost player-coach Glenn Sterrey who had been adjudged to push Beddoni in the area after another Mora cross had been floated over.

From their second penalty, Rockdale failed to capitalize, this time Beddoni trying too hard to place the shot and meekly offering it straight at the 'keeper.

The better team won the day, the contest being rather spiteful at times, but serving up some good football at various stages.

Warringah seemed to lack the necessary spark in this match and the threat of Iriarte was nullified most of the time, while players like Versi and de Ceglie had prolonged quiet periods.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Tony Franken, Dave Segreto, Darren Wilson, Richard Buchanan, Mendo Ralevski (Zlatko Momircević 91), Saso Lazarevski, Scott Deveridge (Cesar Mora 85), Zoran Naumovski, Zlatko Markovski, Stewart Porter, Bruno Beddoni.

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Geoff Gunning, Ross Etherington, Mark Brown, Glenn Sterrey, Wayne Pierce, Alan Dean (Pasquale Battaglia 112), Anthony Versi (Steve Lombardo 68), Vic Masi, Rob de Ceglie, Jose Iriarte, John McKie.

REFEREE: Alex Spirovski.

1ST GRADE
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BLACKTOWN CITY 2
CANBERRA METRO 3

BLACKTOWN City were twice in front against visiting Canberra Metro at The Gabbie on Sunday, but allowed the attractive team from Deankin Oval too much space and it proved fatal.

Even though it was Blacktown which scored first, the Canberra side was serving up some quality football and all the evidence was that they were the hungrier of the two sides.

Quicker to the ball and more direct, Canberra nevertheless fell behind in the 12th minute when John Gibson's shot from 10 metres got past Paul Jones as it came in at an acute angle.

Darren Northam had been offered a big clearance and took off down the right flank, sending over a cross which Lawrie McKinna nodded back to the waiting Gibson, whose shot across the face of goal had enough on it to put the Demons one up.

When Peter Bennett sent Paul Bourke away in the 30th the burst upfield by the latter almost led to a second by Gibson, a member of the ill-fated Olympic games squad.

This time Gibson's shot from a similar position was well saved by Jones, who coped well with Blacktown in this, their best period of the game.

Canberra had looked the more likely to score in the first half, but after the break got down to more serious business, skipper John Koch seeing his 25 metre shot flash past the post four minutes after the restart.

In the 53rd Canberra drew level, Joe Galletti in attempting a cross from the byline misjudged the ball and with big 'keeper Mike Gibson committed to the curling cross, he ball found an unguarded near post. Despite Gibson's late recovery, he could only push the ball over the line in a desperate lunge to save it.

Blacktown managed to regain the lead in the 76th, Paul Bourke rounding Steve Vanzetti before supplying Lawrie McKinna with a pinpoint cross from the right which the experienced Scot headed home supremely from 10 metres, after a well timed run.

Canberra drew level a second time in the 82nd minute, John Koch troubling Craig Mason with an awkward bobbling shot, which Mason attempted to pass back to Gibson only to see the ball finish in his own net.

Canberra Metro's had a sniff of victory now and got the clincher in the 84th, Andy Ravanella giving Gibson no chance with a 12 metre shot after a typical buildup.

Canberra used the full width of the lush Gabbie Stadium pitch and were well served by their skipper Koch.

As their affable coach Tom Sermanni is quick to point out, the side has done things the hard way in the latter stages of the season, entering the fi-

nals without former stars Ned Zelic, Paul Foster, Andrew Young and Tony Giannasca, yet rebuilding the defence to keep the side competitive and finding a winning combination after a mid-season slump.

Blacktown had good showings by Dominic Longo and Peter Bennett, not forgetting the reliable McKinna who is still a thorn in most opposition sides.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Mike Gibson, Dominic Longo, Darren Northam, Craig Mason, Eddie Lees, Peter Bennett, John Gibson, Craig Williams, Lawrie McKinna, Paul Bourke, Geoff Gunning.

CANBERRA METRO: Paul Jones, Doug Marclina, Steve Vanzetti, Bruce Grassick, John Koch, Zoran Pratezina, Joe Galletti, Michael Mustano, Andy Ravanella, Tony Lemezzina, Stan Dukic.

REFEREE: Richard Lorenc.

UNDER-19 PRELIMINARY SEMI-FINAL

Metro kids are just too good!

CANBERRA METRO 3
BHP AUSTRAL 1

THERE was only ever one side which was going to win the Under-19 Preliminary semi-final and Canberra's talented team did it comfortably.

There was no score at the break, but the Metros were on top and when they hit the front in the 54th it was no surprise.

Paul Galletti out-jumped the defence to head home from eight metres and with an 80th minute goal by Daniel Macor to add to that, the reply by Wayne Achurch two minutes later was soon cancelled out by a third goal by the Canberra side from Lazar

Simeonov in the 87th.

Despite losing so many players to the senior side the Metro's managed to record 13 wins during the season and look capable of going all the way on this showing.

CANBERRA METRO: Dennis Marlicic, John Simic, David Milin, Paul Galletti, Ante Juric, Aris Arvanitis (Pat Cosentini 78), Tom Milin, Paul Roberts, Daniel Macor, Jason Swan (Lazar Simeonov 60), Joe Skrlac.

BHP AUSTRAL: Simon Devetak, Scott Morrison, Michael Moyle, Wayne Achure, Derek Lockhart, Colin Kirkwood, Benn Lane, Scott Gresham, Danny Burt (Paul Blackhall 75), Troy Halpin, Dean Adamson.

REFEREE: Jimmy Barnes.

Nigel the hero

SUTHERLAND 1
W'GAH F'WATER 1

NIGEL Noffke was the Sutherland hero in the Under-19 elimination semi-final, making many fine saves late in the game, which went into extra time and capped this with two penalty saves in the inevitable shoot-out.

At the other end, Warringah goalie Frank Chiarella was the villain, however, taking too many steps in attempting to get rid of the ball in the 25th minute and incurring a free kick inside the area.

The ball was slipped to Scott Connors who buried it in the roof of the net.

A cross by Zoran Pasalic led to Warringah's controversial equalizer, a header by David Field in the 49th, which many spectators felt had not crossed the line when hacked away by a defender stationed between the posts.

In the 66th the northern Sydney team was much more confident that Danny Barbalace's shot had crossed the line before Sutherland defender Phil Walker

booted it away and this time no goal was given.

As Warringah pressed home their advantage it was left to Noffke to direct proceedings and his timely save at the feet of Steve Lombardo in the first period of extra time was most vital.

The game moved then into the penalty shoot-out stage and it was successful shots by Walker and Connors for Sutherland and Pasalic and Lombardo for Warringah that set the scene for the issue to be settled on the third and fourth kicks.

John MASarotti and Jason Bard made no mistake, but first David Field and then Justin Dale had their shots saved by Noffke, sparing the fifth penalty takers the usual tension.

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Frank Chiarella, Anthony Seragas, Danny Barbalace, Zoran Pasalic, Steve Lombardo, Osmar Gomez (Scott Deauxberry 52), Nathan Rayment, Justin Dale, Mario Lucila, Agustín Gomez, David Field.

SUTHERLAND: Nigel Noffke, Rob Liddell, Philip Walker, Luke Jones, Mark Arlington, Chris Condoleon, Scott Connors, John Massarotti, Simon Murray, Christian Phillips (Aaron Harris 57), Brendan Groll (Jason Bard 75).

A weekend of upsets

LAST weekend the staging of the Preliminary Semi-Final and Elimination Semi-Finals took place and there were upsets all over the place.

Rockdale Ilinden were expected to be without playmaker Zlatko Markovski, but he fulfilled his commitments even in thirty minutes of extra time, his presence and that of Richard Buchanan, back from suspension, made a big difference to the Ilinden side's confidence.

The absence of Greg Lerond did not hinder the Rockdale side's customary swift breakaway movements which were again to the fore.

Warringah bowed out after a gallant effort, missing Richard Miranda themselves and being unable to make full use of the skills of Jose Iriarte on the uneven Seymour Shaw Park surface. Rockdale getting home

2-1 after 120 tough and uncompromising minutes to play.

Canberra Metro shocked Blacktown at the Gabbie coming from behind twice to win 3-2 and must fancy their chances of knocking off

the premiers Sutherland.

The Under-19's went to Sutherland over Warringah 4-2 on penalties, while Canberra was again successful here beating BHP Austral 3-1 after enjoying an easy passage throughout.

Shire face test

THIS weekend brings together the magnificent Sutherland side who carried off the First Division premiership with a minimum of fuss and have enjoyed a week off to savour the moment, before getting down to the serious business of collecting the other major prize on the State League calendar.

This team of all-round players will find Canberra in good form and in quality game of football

should ensure at St George Stadium in this Major Semi-Final match.

Both sides are good footballing one's building up from the back and ready to take the game to the opposition.

The winners will advance to the Grand Final, so the prize will only be one step away for the successful team.

The Under-19 Major between Blacktown City and Sutherland will be interest, with the Demons having lost only one premiership match, starting hot favourites to beat a less consistent Sutherland.



Avala hope to emulate the Fairfielders



ALEX BUNDALO (L) in action

The new Serbian Centre football ground, home of the Avala Soccer Club, already provides one of the best surfaces available to the code in Sydney.

Club officials say the day is not far off when it will be the mini-Marconi complex of its district.

Situated in Simpson Rd, Bonnyrigg in Sydney's south-west right behind the impressive Serbian Club which fronts Elizabeth Drive, it is already a great favourite with the supporters, even though it only came into effective use in the 1991 season.

And what an improvement it is compared with days when the club played its home fixtures on primitive Knight Park.

It is not long since the Avala club celebrated

the opening of its amenities and administration block, situated at the licensed club end of the ground.

This provides superior changing facilities for players and referees, together with a club office, toilets, and a very popular canteen.

The top deck has been set up as an elevated viewing platform for spectators.

One side of the ground is banked with bench seats provided whilst the other forms part of the extensive parking area.

That is the position to the moment, but the club is working assiduously towards making additional improvements which will be greatly appreciated by the fans.

Indeed the final set-up will be a scaled down version of the type of operation that has made Marconi the leader in NSW,

if not Australia.

Club secretary Jack Cirjanic says the football committee is planning to have a floodlighting installation completed well before the kick-off of the 1992 season.

In addition he expects the present hill to be further developed to provide for a covered grandstand to cater for 500 spectators, and turnstiles to be completed at the main entry point.

The mini-Marconi development will come into force as the result of fruitful negotiations with the local council.

Avala will obtain use of a new ground to be prepared just across the road from the club premises, which will create a splendid training and general use of field to back-up the main arena.

Whilst Avala ran eighth in this year's State League First Division, they showed considerable class nonetheless.

In fact they were unbeaten in 15 games of their 22 match roster, as well as narrowly losing out 2-1 to Blacktown City in the final of the inaugural NSL Waratah State Cup.

This year they fielded players of the calibre of Alex Bundalo, David Fitzharris, Osvaldo El Ali, Miodrag Radosavljevic, Stephen Berry, Tom Divljak, Peter Vukmirovic and Dragan Pupovac.

With all these pluses, it would be surprising indeed if Avala does not go close to setting the new NSW Super League alight in 1992.

Big Dave takes a long trek

BY MIKE JOHNSON

BILL Rigby, coach of State League premiership winner Sutherland, made the longest trek out to Gabbie Stadium on Sunday, rather than step just outside his front door to have a look at Rockdale and Warringah playing at Seymour Shaw in the top five play offs.

Rigby wanted to see Blacktown and Canberra do battle at the Gabbie in the preliminary semi-final, because the winner of that game plays Sutherland this weekend in the major semi-final.

He also knows that if Sutho knocks off the winner this weekend, this time at St George Stadium, his lads will walk directly into the grand final.

That will mean a three week wait to find out who would be their opponents in the Grand Final set down for the Gabbie Stadium on September 29.

Bill Rigby wouldn't mind the wait.

With his grand final ticket already in his wallet he'd be very happy to see the other knocking themselves about for the right to meet Sutherland on Grand Final day.

He knows his team was starting to look ja-

ded toward the end of the competition and a break could bring back their zest and energy.

He wouldn't want his team to go rusty either during the waiting time, but feels he has the skills to bring them back to their peak for the big one.

"But we have got to win at the weekend for the right to take our place in the great final. First things first," he said.

Sutherland has won two previous State League Grand Finals, one coached by John Watkiss in the 70s and the other by John Lavin in the mid 80s.

It won it first ever State League premiership this year, so has never won the double.

That is an obvious target and prime motivator for Sutherland during this tough top five battle.

It's not as though Sutherland is the form team of the competition during the second round.

It has won only three games in the back round whereas it blitzed almost every team in the first round.

Sutho's fall-off allowed slow starter Blacktown to almost snatch the premiership away from them.

However, it is not just the Demons who are threatening the Sharks' 'Double' ambitions.

Canberra Metro, with coach Tom Seremanni tightening the

reins, after his spell in England for the university world cup, will be a dangerous opponent.

They play a stylish game, like the premier, fluid, with much movement off the ball.

One of the imponderables which make this series hard to pick is the availability of national league players.

Some national league clubs have started training earlier than others, some coaches are still freeing their players to State League play-off clubs, while others are not.

Sutherland expects to play Mike O'Shea as long as it is in the series, but probably not Shane Clinch.

Will Canberra's key man Koch be free and for how long?

It is only natural that National League coaches want their players during pre-season and not have them being injured in tough top-five games.

But the players like the money, but even more so to be in the action of these big games.

For the first time for many years, there is a chance that these top five games will draw interest and excitement.

Now, following the end of a year standard competition the opportunity is there, with reasonable promotion, to bring people to the games.

I do not know whether Shane Clinch has ever appeared in a top

five series with his national league clubs, Sydney Croatia and APIA.

I do know that Shane would love to play in a Grand Final with Sutherland, his former club, based in the Shire where he lives.

He and Mike O'Shea have given 100% for Sutherland this year.

Many national league guest players have done the same, some have not.

These latter may find it harder to earn winter money in coming seasons as State League clubs become more demanding and more discerning.

The top five games are being played on first class surfaces at first rate stadiums.

St George Stadium and Gabbie Stadium are splendid venues for what one hopes is the beginning of a new era for State League soccer.

An era when the public and the players take the league seriously.

They need to.

For too long, too many people have put in too much time, too much effort and too much money on bumpy paddocks hardly worth it.

Now we are on the road upwards, culminating with a top five series stacked with teams who have played good, competitive soccer all season.

Let's hope we end up with a grand final that will cap it all off.

ALL THE NSW FED RESULTS



STATE LEAGUE: FIRST DIVISION

Blacktown City v Canberra Metro	2-3
Rockdale v Warringah F/water	2-1
Canberra Metro v BHP Austral	3-1
Sutherland Shire v Warringah F/water	4-2

STATE LEAGUE: SECOND DIVISION

Dulwich Hill v Petersham	2-0
Cyprus Utd v Mt Pritchard	0-1
Dulwich Hill v Pt Hacking	7-6
Auburn Yugal v Gladesville Hby	2-0

STATE LEAGUE: THIRD DIVISION

Larnos Allstars v West Wanderers	0-1
North Ryde v Belmont Hercules	0-1
Hills Utd v Bankstown	0-1
West Wanderers v Bathurst '75	1-3

FEDERATION LEAGUE FOURTH

Western Dist v Concord Jnrs	8-7
SSC Zabreg v Colo Colo	3-1
Penrith v Concord Jnrs	0-2

FEDERATION LEAGUE FIFTH

Sporting Peruv v Alexander	1-0
Pagewood Botany v Fogolar Furlan	0-2
Pagewood Botany v GNS Utd	2-0
Fogolar Furlan v Abruzzi	2-0

FEDERATION LEAGUE SIXTH

Springwood v Greystanes	1-3
St Josephs v Balmain	2-0

FEDERATION LEAGUE SEVENTH

Kingsgrove Apollo v Western Suburbs	1-2
Rockdale Youth v Kingsgrove Apollo	5-2

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE

North Ryde v WDHallas	5-4
Western District v Epping Eastwood	3-2

QUEENSLAND DIV 1 & 2

XXXXLEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	XXXXTWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	22	14	6	2	36	21	46	Grange This	22	14	4	4	54	21	46
Rochdale R.	22	14	3	5	57	28	45	Lutwyche	22	12	4	6	39	30	40
Pine Rivers	22	12	3	7	50	24	39	Olympic	22	11	5	6	45	25	38
Eastern Subs	22	11	5	6	32	22	36	Inala City	22	11	4	7	46	37	37
Bris Croatia	22	11	4	7	36	25	37	The Gap	22	11	2	9	26	27	35
North Star	22	7	9	6	42	30	30	Wynnum	22	10	4	8	34	33	34
Coastal	22	6	9	7	22	24	27	Willowburn	22	9	6	7	35	29	33
Mt Gravatt	22	5	9	8	29	35	24	St Albans	22	8	5	11	36	37	27
Brisbane City	22	6	8	10	25	37	24	St Helens	22	7	6	9	25	28	27
Taringa Rovers	22	5	5	12	26	44	20	Newmarket	22	7	2	13	36	61	23
Acacia Ridge	22	4	5	10	20	40	17	Annerley	22	5	5	12	25	35	20
Nerang	22	2	6	14	16	42	12	Goodna	22	3	3	16	19	59	12
XXXXRESERVE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	XXXXTHREE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bris Lions	22	18	2	2	77	22	56	Inala City	22	17	3	2	64	20	54
North Star	22	15	1	6	40	34	48	St Helens	22	14	5	3	49	25	47
Mt Gravatt	22	11	9	2	41	17	42	The Gap	22	14	2	6	41	31	44
Coastal	22	11	4	7	44	24	37	Grange This	22	12	6	4	48	19	42
Taringa Rovers	22	9	4	9	30	39	31	Willowburn	22	12	3	7	50	35	39
Pine Rivers	22	7	8	7	44	30	29	Lutwyche	22	8	7	6	44	37	34
Bris Croatia	22	6	2	12	35	44	26	Goodna	22	6	3	11	22	29	27
Nerang	22	3	3	12	28	51	24	Olympic	22	6	4	12	35	49	22
Rochdale Rovers	22	3	7	10	24	34	22	Annerley	22	5	5	12	29	36	20
Acacia Ridge	22	5	5	12	27	45	20	Newmarket	22	5	5	12	30	49	20
Brisbane City	22	4	7	11	18	39	19	Wynnum	22	3	5	14	20	48	14
Eastern Subs	22	3	6	13	24	56	15	St Albans	22	2	2	18	12	64	8
XXXXCOLTS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	TWO COLTS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	22	15	2	5	43	24	47	Olympic	22	14	5	3	53	19	47
Bris Lions	22	12	6	4	47	22	42	St Helens	22	13	3	6	45	29	42
Taringa Rovers	22	12	6	4	49	27	42	St Albans	22	12	6	4	44	26	42
Brisbane City	22	11	5	6	35	23	38	Goodna	22	12	3	5	45	23	41
Mt Gravatt	22	11	3	8	33	25	36	The Gap	22	12	2	8	36	35	38
Eastern Subs	22	11	2	9	42	32	35	Wynnum	22	11	3	8	41	25	36
Bris Croatia	22	10	4	8	42	48	34	Newmarket	22	9	3	10	38	38	30
Pine Rivers	22	8	5	9	41	29	29	Lutwyche	22	7	6	9	35	36	27
Nerang	22	6	3	13	25	49	21	Grange This	22	7	3	12	32	34	24
Rochdale Rovers	22	4	6	10	25	34	20	Inala City	22	4	6	12	27	53	18
Acacia Ridge	22	4	6	12	21	44	18	Annerley	21	3	3	15	20	57	12
Coastal	22	3	0	19	22	86	9	Willowburn	21	3	3	15	17	56	12
XXXXTHIRD	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	THREE	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochdale Rovers	22	16	2	4	55	23	50	Mitchellton	22	10	3	3	54	24	51
Coastal	22	13	2	7	52	35	41	Slacks Ck	22	14	6	2	54	22	48
Bris Lions	22	13	2	7	52	36	41	South Utd	22	12	7	3	52	28	43
Taringa Rovers	22	12	4	6	49	35	40	Lalrobie Vail	22	12	3	7	42	28	39
Acacia Ridge	22	11	4	7	49	35	37	Redlands	22	10	3	9	38	35	33
North Star	22	11	4	7	48	35	37	Beenleigh	22	9	1	12	44	37	28
Eastern Subs	22	8	3	11	51	53	27	Derra Utd	22	8	3	11	34	38	27
Mt Gravatt	22	7	5	10	46	46	25	Capelton	22	8	3	11	33	40	27
Nerang	22	6	0	14	40	49	24	Redcliffe	22	8	3	11	31	40	27
Bris Croatia	22	7	1	14	36	35	22	Logan City Ck	22	7	4	11	34	41	25
Pine Rivers	22	6	3	13	23	45	21	Albany Ck	22	4	8	9	26	34	21
Brisbane City	22	3	4	15	25	81	13	Brothers	22	0	3	18	18	94	3

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The General Manager
NSW Amateur Soccer Federation Ltd
PO Box 84
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and should arrive no later than Friday, September 13, 1991.



SOCCER POOLS



THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

WEEK 319
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ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ARSENAL	COVENTRY	1
	ASTON VILLA	TOTTENHAM	2
	EVERTON	CRYSTAL P.	3
	LEEDS	MAN. CITY	4
	MAN. UTD.	NORWICH	5
	NOTTS C.	LIVERPOOL	6
	OLDHAM	SHEFF. UTD.	7
	Q.P.R.	SOUTHAMPTON	8
	SHEFF. WED.	NOTTINGHAM F.	9
	WEST HAM	CHELSEA	10
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	WIMBLEDON	LUTON	11
	BRISTOL R.	GRIMSBY	12
	DERBY	BARNLEY	13
	IPSWICH	SOUTHEND	14
	LEICESTER	BRISTOL C.	15
	MILLWALL	CAMBRIDGE U.	16
	PLYMOUTH	CHARLTON	17
	PORTSMOUTH	BRIGHTON	18
	PORT VALE	SWINDON	19
	SUNDERLAND	BLACKBURN	20
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	TRANMERE	NEWCASTLE	21
	WATFORD	MIDDLESBRO	22
	WOLVES	OXFORD UTD.	23
	BOLTON	WEST BROM.	24
	CHESTER	BOURNEMOUTH	25
	DARLINGTON	STOKE	26
	FULHAM	SWANSEA	27
	HARTLEPOOL	LEYTON O.	28
	HUDDERSFIELD	EXETER	29
	HULL	BURY	30
ENG. DIV. 4	PETERBORO	WIGAN A.	31
	PRESTON	BRADFORD C.	32
	READING	BIRMINGHAM	33
	SHREWSBURY	BRENTFORD	34
	BURNLEY	CREWE	35
	CARDIFF	ROCHDALE	36
	DONCASTER	WREXHAM	37
	GILLINGHAM	SCARBORO	38
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	MANSFIELD	BLACKPOOL	39
	NORTHAMPTON	BARNET	40
	ROTHAMHAM	HEREFORD	41
	SCUNTHORPE	MAIDSTONE	42
	WALSALL	HALIFAX	43
	YORK	CHESTERFIELD	44
	BOGNOR R.	SUTTON UTD.	45
	BROMLEY	GRAYS	46
	CARSHALTON	BASINGSTOKE	47
	CHESHAM UTD.	MARLOW	48
SCOTTISH PREM. DIV.	ABERDEEN	S. JOHNSTONE	49
	AIRDRIE	HIBERNIAN	50
	CELTIC	ST. MIRREN	51
	DUNDEE U.	DUNFERMLINE	52
	FALKIRK	RANGERS	53
	HEARTS	MOTHERWELL	54
	AYR	PARTICK	55

★ Winning match numbers
and supplementary number.

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MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 318
SAT. 31ST AUGUST, 1991

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ARSENAL	MAN. CITY	1	2-1
	CHELSEA	LUTON	2	4-1
	COVENTRY	WIMBLEDON	3	0-1
	CRYSTAL P.	SHEFF. UTD.	4	2-3
	LIVERPOOL	EVERTON	5	3-1
	MAN. UTD.	LEEDS	6	1-1
	NORWICH	TOTTENHAM	7	0-1
	NOTTINGHAM F.	OLDHAM	8	3-1
	SHEFF. WED.	Q.P.R.	9	4-1
	SOUTHAMPTON	ASTON VILLA	10	1-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	WEST HAM	NOTTS C.	11	0-2
	BLACKBURN	IPSWICH	12	1-2
	BRIGHTON	WOLVES	13	3-3
	BRISTOL R.	NEWCASTLE	14	1-2
	CHARLTON	DERBY	15	void
	GRIMSBY	TRANMERE	16	2-2
	MIDDLESBRO	PORTSMOUTH	17	2-0
	PLYMOUTH	MILLWALL	18	3-2
	PORT VALE	BRISTOL C.	19	1-1
	SOUTHEND	LEICESTER	20	1-2
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	SUNDERLAND	OXFORD UTD.	21	2-0
	SWINDON	BARNLEY	22	3-1
	WATFORD	CAMBRIDGE U.	23	1-3
	BIRMINGHAM	DARLINGTON	24	1-0
	BOLTON	LEYTON O.	25	1-0
	BOURNEMOUTH	HULL	26	0-0
	BRADFORD C.	HARTLEPOOL	27	1-1
	BRENTFORD	HUDDERSFIELD	28	2-3
	CHESTER	SWANSEA	29	2-0
	PETERBORO	STOKE	30	1-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	READING	BURY	31	3-2
	SHREWSBURY	EXETER	32	6-1
	TORQUAY	FULHAM	33	0-1
	WEST BROM.	WIGAN A.	34	1-1
	ALDRERSHOT	MAIDSTONE	35	3-0
	BARNET	HEREFORD	36	1-0
	BLACKPOOL	SCUNTHORPE	37	2-1
	CARDIFF	CARLISLE	38	1-0



THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 2/9/91 — WEEK 318

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED										NO. OF WEEKS NUMBER OCCURRED									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
37	41	46	27	36	60	42	60	52	68	4	2	1	7	7	9	1	1	3	0
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Results History is from Week 38, the start of six from 38 Pools.

RESULTS OF WEEK 318 SAT 31 AUGUST, 1991

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):
13, 16, 19, 27, 30, 34.
Supplementary Number: 10.

UK SOCCER RESULTS AND TABLES

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE Arsenal 2 Manchester City 1, Chelsea 4 Luton 1, Coventry 0 Wimbledon 1, Crystal Palace 2 Sheffield United 1, Liverpool 3 Everton 1, Manchester United 1, Leeds 1, Norwich 0 Tottenham 1, Nottingham Forest 3 Oldham 1, Sheffield Wednesday 4, Queens Park Rangers 1, Southampton 1, Aston Villa 1, West Ham 0, Notts County 2.										ENGLISH 3RD DIV Barnley, Oxford, Birmingham, Stockport, Shrewsbury, West Bromwich, Huddersfield, Peterborough, Chester, Brentford, Bolton, Hartlepool, Wigan, Bradford, Hull, Preston, Darlington, Reading, Torquay, Fulham, Bournemouth, Stoke, Leyton Orient, Bury, Swansea, Exeter.									
ENGLISH DIVISION TWO Blackburn 1 Ipswich 2, Brighton 3 Wolverhampton 3, Bristol Rovers 1 Newcastle 2, Grimsby 2 Tranmere 2, Middlesbrough 2, Portsmouth 0, Plymouth 3, Millwall 2, Port Vale 1, Bristol City 1, Southend 1, Leicester 2, Sunderland 2, Oxford 3, Swindon 3, Barnsley 1, Watford 1, Cambridge 3. Playing Sunday: Charlton v Derby.										ENGLISH 4TH DIV Blackpool, Crewe, Burnley, Hereford, Rotherham, Barnet, Gillingham, Northampton, Mansfield, Rochdale, Cardiff, Halifax, Walsall, Carlisle, Aldershot, Chesterfield, York, Lincoln, Scunthorpe, Wrexham, Scarborough, Doncaster, Maidstone.									
ENGLISH DIVISION THREE Birmingham 1 Darlington 0, Bolton 1 Leyton Orient 0, Bournemouth 0, Hull 0, Bradford 1, Hartlepool 1, Brentford 2, Huddersfield 3, Chester 2, Swansea 0, Peterborough 1, Stoke 1, Reading 3, Bury 2, Shrewsbury 6, Exeter 1, Torquay 0, Fulham 1, West Bromwich 1, Wigan 1. Played Friday: Stockport 2 Preston 0.										SCOTTISH PREMIER DIV Aberdeen, Hearts, Rangers, Hibernian, Celtic, Motherwell, Dundee United, Falkirk, Airdrieonians, St Johnstone, St Mirren, Dunfermline.									
ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR Aldershot 3 Maidstone 0, Barnet 1 Hereford 0, Blackpool 2, Scunthorpe 1, Cardiff 1, Carlisle 0, Chesterfield 0, Mansfield 2, Doncaster 1, Burnley 4, Rochdale 1, Lincoln 0, Rotherham 1, Crewe 2, Scarborough 2, Walsall 3. Played Friday: Halifax 0 York 0, Wrexham 2, Northampton 2.										SCOTTISH 1ST DIV Dundee, Ayr, Partick, Morton, Hamilton, Clydebank, Raith, Meadowbank, Kilmarnock, Montrose, Stirling, Forfar.									
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION Celtic 0 Rangers 2, Dundee United 0 Aberdeen 0, Dunfermline 0, St Johnstone 0, Falkirk 3, Airdrieonians 2, Hearts 0 Hibernian 0, Motherwell 1, St Mirren 0.										SCOTTISH 2ND DIVISION Clyde, Arbroath, Dumfries, East Fife, Berwick, Cowdenbeath, Brechin, Queens Park, East Stirling, Albion, Queen of South, Alloa, Stranraer, Stenhousemuir.									
ENGLISH 1ST DIV Manchester United, Liverpool, Manchester City, Nottingham Forest, Tottenham, Leeds, Chelsea, Coventry, Sheffield Wednesday, Wimbledon, Aston Villa, Arsenal, Notts County, Crystal Palace, Norwich, West Ham, Oldham, Everton, Southampton, Sheffield United, Queen's Park Rangers, Luton.										ENGLISH 2ND DIV Ipswich, Cambridge, Middlesbrough, Bristol City, Leicester, Sunderland, Plymouth, Wolverhampton, Tranmere, Port Vale, Swindon, Derby, Charlton, Grimsby, Southend, Portsmouth, Brighton, Newcastle, Millwall, Bristol Rovers, Blackburn, Watford.									



It's a brand new ball game for Gary with the NSW Federation



Gary Power asserts his authority.

Soccer football in New South Wales has entered a new era with the appointment of Gary Power as its Marketing Manager.

For too long the code had ambled along, operating without specialist managerial staffing in this vital area.

This has all been turned around now, and excellent results are starting to flow with tremendous future benefits for the code.

Whilst Power is known around the game for his refereeing - and in other circles as an educator - he comes to his new position with a considerable background in the sales arena.

He served as Operations and Training Manager for 'paint and wallpaper retailers Crockers', where he previously had years of 'hands on' sales experience.

In addition he sold office machines, and particularly the ubiquitous facsimile machines with big operators Remington, and also sporting goods firm Umbro.

With this background, there can be no surprise that his dynamic approach has led NSW Soccer Federation General Manager Peter Thorne to comment that "Although Gary's appointment is relatively recent, it has already proved a huge success."

High on his present priorities is the sale of signs along the perimeters of the NSW Soccer Federation's magnificent Valentine Sports Park property at Parklea, together with

ground signage around the three main football pitches.

These represent excellent opportunities to advertisers.

Countless thousands of spectators visit the ground throughout the year, crowds which are increased due to the mid-week play which is possible thanks to the excellent ground floodlighting installations.

Apart from use of the park by Federation clubs and for various coaching courses and school matches, crowds of well in excess of 10,000 are present when the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation present their major finals of the year.

And the superb facilities are not only used for soccer.

The indoor stadium, with its two basketball or Futsal indoor soccer courts, attracts a continual flow of participants and spectators, including many handicapped groups who thoroughly enjoy their sport at the centre.

Gary Power's other soccer marketing objectives are gradually being put into place.

He is looking at sponsorship for the 1992 NSW Super League, which will include many advances on the popular 1991 competition, and which will whet the appetite of many a potential investor.

In addition he will be planning a far more advanced marketing strategy for the competition than has ever been the case in the past.

Also, as the other major yet-to-be announced initiatives he is working on bear fruit, soccer in NSW will move ahead in

leaps and bounds.

Power has crammed a great deal of activity into his 40 years.

A youngster from Miranda, he gained a Diploma of Education from Westmead Teachers' College, and followed up with a BA degree from the University of New England.

His start in the great game of soccer came at the age of seven, when Mrs Crooks, his Sunday School teacher, introduced him to the game at Kirrawee.

He went through in Sutherland Shire Association First Division junior competitions, ending up his playing days at 18 years of age with Gympie North End, now known as the Grays Point club.

That strong interest in refereeing began when he became a cadet way back in 1965.

By 1971 he had joined the Federation referees, about the time that Richard Lorenc and Henry Witschge were also coming to the fore.

In 1977, when the National League began, he had graduated to Youth League refereeing and acting as a senior linesman.

That year Tony Boskovic handled the Australia-New York Cosmos game that packed out the Sydney Showground, with Tim Davies and Power running the lines.

Since then a whole host of top refereeing commitments followed, including many internationals, not the least of which was the magnificent match in July 1988 at the Sydney Football Stadium, when Australia went all the way to down World Cup holders Argentina 4-1 in the prestigious Gold Cup competition.

In the World Cup Oceania qualification series, he controlled New Zealand-Chinese Taipei, and on the domestic front the highlights included the NSW Grand Finals in both 1988 and 1989.

With these credentials it came as no surprise that Gary Power was appointed the first NSW Soccer Federation Schools and Referees Liaison Officer.

But now another facet of his abilities has come to fore, with the opportunity to see that soccer in NSW is marketed to the sports public in the way that it should have been for decades past.

It's a challenge that he certainly relishes, and the announcements that are to come will indicate that he revels in nothing short of success.

And, luckily for him as well as the sport of soccer, wife Sue's support for his career will continue to be a big factor in his achievements.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION LTD

STATE LEAGUE

CHAMPIONSHIP TOP FIVE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8

FIRST DIVISION: MAJOR SEMI-FINAL

ST GEORGE STADIUM 2.30pm

SUTHERLAND v CANBERRA METRO

U19: BLACKTOWN CITY v CANBERRA METRO 12.30pm

SECOND DIVISION: MAJOR SEMI-FINAL

BENSLEY ROAD 2.30pm

WAVERLEY v DULWICH HILL

U19: CYPRUS UTD v DULWICH HILL 12.30pm

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See State League action this week!

Some interest

There has already been some expression of interest in the new NSW Country regional leagues, which could commence in at least one area in 1993.

The NSW Soccer Federation announced its intention to move into this potentially fruitful area at its presentation of '1992 and Beyond', which was held at its magnificent Valentine Sports Park headquarters at Parklea on August 1.

The idea is to create inter city and town clubs to compete in the major regions of the country, giving high quality football to many of them for the first time ever.

Since the announcement there has been a

strong suggestion that summer competitions would merit investigations.

As it stands there is a great deal of country soccer being played in the winter at local association level.

The major parks in most of the country have winter rugby shared with Australian Rules.

Unfortunately at this stage it is rare indeed for country soccer venues to be in the class that would attract people to attend on the basis of being there to view high class spectator football.

Many of these could become available to soccer in summer, with competitions often being able to kick off at 7.30pm due to the availability of floodlighting.

KU-RING-GAI DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION



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METROPOLITAN & YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

Preliminary trials for the K.D.S.A. 1992 Representative teams are scheduled as follows:

Sunday 8th September at Griffith Oval, Lofberg Road, West Pymble.

U/11 at 9a.m.

U/12 at 10a.m.

U/13 & U/14 at 11a.m.

U/15 & U/17 at 12 noon

Sunday 15th September at William Cowan Oval, Cowan Road (off Mona Vale Road, St Ives Village Green), St Ives.

U/11 & U/12 at 9a.m. to 10.30a.m.

U/13, 14, 15 & 17 10a.m. to 11.30a.m.

Further information can be obtained from Brian Davies 449 9860 (H) • 636 777 (W)

Supernac is the tops

BY GREG BLAKE

OUTSTANDING Brunswick Juventus midfielder Brian MacNichol is the 1991 ABSW-Pascoe Vale Sports Scene Most Exciting Player of the Year.

The former Queenslander earned two votes from ABSW match-reporter Con Stavros for his match-winning final round display as Juve clinched the championship by demolishing Mooroolbark 6-1 on Sunday.

Those last-gasp votes

pushed MacNichol ahead of long-time pace-makers, Fab Incantalupo of Bulleen and Northcote City's Alex Gymnopoulos, as well as Doveton's ever-consistent Doug Hodgson.

Incantalupo can be considered desperately unlucky, having led the field virtually from round one, only to break his leg against Green Gully and miss the last three weeks of the season.

MacNichol, who finished with 14 votes, one ahead of the equal runners-up, will take home a magnificent trophy and a cheque for \$500 for his outstanding

efforts in 1991.

Both come compliments of award sponsor, the Pascoe Vale Sports Scene, 413-415 Bell St., Pascoe Vale.

MacNichol will be presented with the Premier League's most prestigious media award on Bill Fleming Medal night in October.

Croatia coach

Melbourne Croatia was expected to name its 1991-92 coach yesterday (Monday).

George Hannah, tipped to replace last season's grand final coach Ken Worden, has knocked back the offer to take over the senior

roll, preferring to concentrate on his playing career.

It is believed that current North Geelong coach Branko Culina is favoured for the position, although club officials admitted that they were considering two late applicants, Ernie Merrick and Kaz Kulak.

Mt Pritchard the giants

GIANT-KILLING Mt Pritchard advanced to the next phase of the Second Division play offs, after surprisingly downing the hot and cold Cyprus United 1-0 in the Elimination Semi Final at Bensley Road on Sunday.

In the preliminary semi final Dulwich Hill got the better of neighbours Petersham 2-0, both goals coming via the talents of G. Cobapovski.

Mt Pritchard extended their extraordinary run into the semi finals, beaten just once in their last 13 outings and custodian Ron Gisbourne has not conceded a goal for over seven hours.

The Mounties dominated the first 20 minutes, constantly pumping the ball forward into a disorganised United defence.

Trevor Daley floated the ball over from the left after 12 minutes for Stephen Baggott, who leapt above the defence, only to miss the target narrowly, with the ball going inches wide of the right hand post.

After 16 minutes Mt Pritchard finally prised open the shaky United defence only to have the goal disallowed for offside.

Declan Meevay swung the ball across for Carlos Vanegas to nod on for an unmarked Mario Coiro to head home from close range, however, the offside flag was up seconds before scoring and the goal was denied.

Two minutes later the Mounties got the one that counted, with the Cyprus defence in constant disarray, Vanegas cleverly found Leo Pintos unmarked on the left of the six yard box, to easily convert the chance past a stranded Mylanos between the United sticks.

Tom Pontidas, easily one of United's best,

went close in the 21st minute, however, his free kick from the edge of the box flew tantalisingly over the top right corner.

Vanegas dashed clear after Pintos again arrowed the ball through the defence in the 35th minute, however Mylanos bravely saved at the feet of the tearaway striker, who crashed into the Cypriot keeper and earned himself a booking for his troubles.

Cyprus should have been back on level terms 15 minutes into the second period, only for Craig Sharpley to sky the ball well over the top from six metres after Manolopoulos had dashed down the right to open up the Mt Pritchard defence.

13 minutes from time Mt Pritchard were struggling, Stephen Baggott left the field injured after just failing to head home a Gary Hatton cross, leaving the Mounties, who had used their two replacements with only ten men.

United continued to press as their season began to vanish in front of their eyes, Pontidas slid the ball just left of the upright ten minutes from the end after Arthur Svinos had sent him clear, and United's hopes were gone.

Mt Pritchard successfully clung onto their narrow advantage for the remaining minutes to set themselves up with a showdown against Petersham in a fortnight again at Bensley Road.



Carlo Donoso of Dulwich Hill

Two goals midway through the second period from Cobapovski were enough to send Petersham to only their second defeat in 11 matches, as Dulwich Hill successfully made their way through to a clash with Waverley in this week's major semi final.

Failing to convert their chances in the first half, cost Petersham dearly, with the loss of in form midfielder Matthew Bourke after only 19 minutes through injury adding no help to their cause.

Carlos Donoso shot just wide for Dulwich Hill in the 27th minute, but two minutes later Petersham went close after Darren Stephenson produced a good run down the flank and crossed for Glen Jeffrey to head just over the bar.

The chances continued to fall Petersham's way, in the 33rd minute

another opportunity went begging with the goal open, before Stephenson too headed just over the top after Jeffrey had crossed from the left.

Dulwich Hill custodian Kevin Farrer, produced a miraculous save in the 57th minute, diving to turn away a wicked shot deflected off the defensive wall from a Martin Bourke free kick from just outside the box.

A minute later the tide turned, the Petersham defence stood anchored as Cobapovski drove the ball home into the corner after latching onto a low through ball.

Petersham pushed ever forward in search of an equaliser, exposing themselves at the back and allowing Cobapovski to grab the clincher with a fine header at the far post, following a cross from the right in the 73rd minute.

Victorian Premier League



Results

FAWKNER 0 GREEN GULLY 2 (Becvinovski, Hunter), BULLEEN 4 (Mori 2, Grbac, Branov) NORTHCOTE CITY 0, DOVETON 1 (Cattermole) OAKLEY 0, CROYDON CITY 0 MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Nield 2, E Cassar), B JUVENTUS 6 (Smith 3, DeAmicis, Lane, Grillo) MOOROOLBARK 1 (Tsapatolis), ALTONA GATE 2 (Todorovski, Lingurovski) ST ALBANS 0, ALBION 2 (MacLeod 2) THOMASTOWN 0.

Victorian Premier League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brunswick Juv.	26	16	6	4	49	13	38
Bulleen	26	15	8	3	54	28	38
Morwell Falcons	26	14	5	7	49	30	33
Altona Gate	26	13	6	7	40	26	32
Thomastown	26	12	5	9	30	20	29
Fawkner	26	10	9	7	33	30	29
Green Gully	26	9	10	7	35	32	28
Albion	26	9	8	9	43	32	26
St Albans	26	8	10	8	37	35	26
Croydon City	26	9	7	10	28	34	25
Oakleigh	26	6	7	13	27	40	19
Mooroolbark	26	8	1	17	27	54	17
Northcote City	26	6	4	16	22	53	16
Doveton	26	1	6	19	11	58	8

MOST EXCITING/PLAYER VOTES UPDATE

LEADING VOTEGETTERS

14 MacNichol (Juve)
13 Incantalupo (Bul),
Gymnopoulos (Nth),
Hodgson (Dove)
11 A Cassar (MF),
Luchesi (Fawk),
10 Smart (GG)
9 Becvinovski (GG),
Pondeljak (Sta), Cocker
(Thom).

LEADING SCORERS

17 Becvinovski (GG)
16 Pondeljak (Sta)
14 Smith (Juve)
11 McMullen (MF),
Pappas (Bul)
10 Hanna (Fawk),
Nield (MF), Grbac (Bul)
9 Egan (AG), McAleer
(Thom), Wright (MF).

VIC SENIORS

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STATE LEAGUE DIV ONE																						
Knox City	26	17	5	4	65	24	39	Oakleigh Subs	26	17	6	3	51	19								
North Geelong	25	17	5	3	59	18	39	East Brunswick	26	16	5	5	53	22								
Springvale City	27	17	4	6	51	22	38	Seaford Utd	26	17	2	7	57	35								
Castfield City	26	10	8	8	29	31	28	Eltham Valley	26	13	9	4	43	27								
Bell Park	26	11	5	10	33	34	27	Clayton	26	12	8	6	30	38								
Westgate	25	11	4	9	36	32	26	Corio Geelong	26	13	4	0	34	30								
Frankston Phins	26	9	8	9	35	25	26	Clarendon	26	9	9	8	28	27								
Werrbee	27	9	8	10	24	31	26	Moorabbin City	26	7	10	9	27	30								
Western Subs	26	7	11	8	36	38	25	Morn P.R. Coll.	26	10	3	13	30	53								
Ringwood City	26	5	12	9	24	30	22	Lalor Utd	26	10	2	14	34	33								
Melbourne City	26	7	12	12	43	21	21	Springvale Utd	26	7	8	11	25	36								
Mordialoc	26	7	6	13	27	41	20	Fitzroy City	26	7	4	15	31	62								
Essendon City	26	7	6	13	26	42	20	Holland Park	26	3	5	18	26	39								
Pet Melbourne	26	4	9	13	26	41	17	Heidelberg City	26	1	5	20	15	53								
BxTHill	26	6	4	16	22	55	16															
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Melbourne City	25	17	5	4	55	24	39					STATE LEAGUE DIV THREE RESERVES										
Bell Park	26	15	7	3	57	30	37	Seaford United	25	19	5	1	60	21								
Knox City	24	16	2	6	73	37	34	Moorabbin City	26	13	8	5	50	29								
Springvale City	26	14	6	6	57	29	34	Lalor Utd.	26	12	10	4	37	16								
Castfield City	25	14	5	6	44	33	33	East Brunswick	26	11	8	6	48	35								
Port Melbourne	26	12	7	7	47	37	31	Clayton	26	10	10	6	30	30								
North Geelong	23	10	8	5	57	22	28	Morn P.R. Coll.	26	12	3	11	57	45								
R. Wood City	24	10	8	8	34	26	25	Fitzroy City	26	9	8	9	36	37								
Waverley	27	14	12	35	44	22	22	Clarendon	26	8	8	9	36	41								
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Westgate	26	3	6	17	28	70	12	Holland Park	26	4	3	19	20	36								
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												St David's				24	14	6	4	45	20	
												Crawbourne				24	12	9	3	33	18	
												Karingal Utd				24	13	6	5	37	29	
												Pascoe Vale				24	9	9	7	41	40	
												Mornington				24	9	8	7	37	42	
												Rosanna				24	8	5	11	30	34	
												Yarraville				24	7	7	10	34	45	
												Hawthorn				24	8	4	12	38	40	
												Hawthorn Rangers				24	7	5	12	27	41	
												Langwarrin				24	5	7	12	20	30	
												Bonville				24	5	6	13	29	42	
												Springvale				24	4	3	17	22	49	
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												Pascoe Vale				24	19	1	4	58	19	
												St David's				24	16	4	4	67	36	
												Langwarrin				24	14	6	3	44	18	
												Regent				24	12	5	7	35	24	
												Springvale				23	10	6	7	41	38	
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												Crawbourne				24	11	3	10	50	34	
												Bonville				24	8	8	7	33	32	
												Rosanna				24	5	12	9	41	21	
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												Westvale				24	12	3	9	44	29	27
												Frankston Utd				24	11	5	8	40	31	27
												Melton				23	12	3	8	37	24	27
												Malvern City				23	10	4	7	27	25	24
												Altona East				24	8	7	9	26	31	23
												Berwick City				24	7	6	11	43	42	20
												Yarraville				24	5	9	10	33	40	19
												Forest Hill				24	5	8	13	37	47	16
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												East Geelong				22	10	7	5	40	24	27
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												Mentone Utd				22	8	3	8	33	32	23
												Keyborough				22	7	7	6	35	36	23
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												Lyndale Utd				22	10	2	10	30	32	22
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												Waverley				22	3	4	14	21	47	10
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												Hampton Park				23	10	8	4	46	30	32
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												Glenroy				23	12	5	6	46	28	29
												Kew Eagles				23	13	3	7	42	20	29
												Moorook				23	11	7	5	40	29	28
												Batman Utd				23	8	10	5	34	40	26
												Monash Utd				23	8	6	10	45	49	22
												Carman Utd				23	7	8	9	26	34	22
												South Yarra				23	7	6	8	38	29	20
												Waverley Utd				22	5	6	11	22	42	16
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Juventus win the championship

BY GREG BLAKE
Congratulations to Brunswick Juventus on winning the 1991 Victorian Premier League championship.

With the title still in the balance, Juventus did what any side should do and blew away its final round opponent to cement the club's place in the Victorian history books.

Juve's 6-1 thrashing of Mooroolbark on Sunday gave the club its first Victorian title in 21 years and its eighth in 42 years in senior Victorian competition history.

After finishing league runner-up in 1989 and 1990 the Juve faithful are expected to celebrate for some days.

ABSW congratulates Juve coach Billy Rogers and all the club playing and administrative staff on a famous victory. 'Forza Juve'.

**JUVENTUS 6
MOOROOLBARK 1**

BY CON STAVROS
ALL HAIL Brunswick Juventus the inaugural Premier League champions of Victoria who rose to the challenge and demolished Mooroolbark 6-1 in a must win game at Schintler Reserve on Sunday.

Relegated Barkers were no match for the classy opposition lead superbly by star striker Steve Smith who notched a hat-trick with goals in the 21st, 55th and 66th minutes.

Dino Grillo, Sean Lane and a brilliant effort by Fausto De Amicis rounded off the scoring for the champions, whilst impressive young striker Con Tsapatolis recorded the consolation for the visitors.

Responding to doubts after their shock capitulation to Northcote the previous week, Juventus were quicker, stronger and more skilful than its opponents in every department and were worthy recipients of the Premier League trophy at the after-match presentation.

Jubilation in the Juventus camp at the victory was tempered slightly with the realisation that this season did not present the Victorian

champions with an opportunity to win promotion to the NSL, nonetheless the supporters were ecstatic with their Billy Rogers led outfit.

Juventus regroup now for a testing series of cup and interstate challenge matches in which they aim to prove their worthiness in the rarefied atmosphere of the national competition, as well as rebuild its side of stars which is likely to be decimated by the talent scouts of that league.

JUVENTUS: Laumets, Marley, Doyle, Della Rocca, MacNichol, Sabatino, Smith, Minichiello, Grillo (Lane), Fera (Inglese), De Amicis.

MOOROOLBARK: Posar, Jobling (Campbell), Hobson, A.Byrne, McIntosh, McCallan, Heys (Nyholt), D.Byrne, Tsapatolis, Brogan, Burton.

VOTES: B. MacNichol (Juve) - 2
C. Tsapatolis (M'Bark) - 1

**BULLEEN 4
NORTHCOTE CITY 0**

BY PETER KOTSIRIS
NORTHCOTE CITY went from princes to paupers in the space of a week as Premier League runner-up Bulleen Veneto convincingly defeated the relegation-doomed visitors 4-0 on Sunday.

Bulleen, hoping leader Juve would slip up in the final round of clashes so it could snatch the title from its grasp, went about destroying its opposition, but of course history proved season 1991 was Juventus' year of glory and Bulleen would have to settle for second best this time round.

Northcote City opened the game as if it was a team on a mission and star midfielder Alex Gymnopoulos almost opened the scoring after just nine minutes but unfortunately for the visitors his shot rocked the cross-bar.

A minute later Bulleen awoke from its lethargy and opened the scoring after a delightful through ball from Anthony Grbac to Damian Mori, who was flown from Canberra by the club specifically for this crucial encounter, slotted the ball past the on-coming Tarudia.

Mori was having a

tremendous influence upon the game and duly grabbed his second goal after a Grbac corner was met by the striker who headed past the hapless Tarudia.

Bulleen strove forward on its merry way in the second-half as Manny Anezakis gave way a penalty for a foul on Stan Thodis which Grbac converted.

Moments later Northcote were rewarded with a penalty-kick after a Gymnopoulos through ball found Jim Iliopoulos who was fouled by Dominic Ruccia. John Metaxas took the resultant spot-kick but his attempt was brilliantly saved by Mauro Raponi.

Micky Branov came on as a substitute for Con Pappas and scored one of the fastest goals in his career by volleying home a Grbac corner with his first touch to round off the scoreline.

Bulleen coach Andy Bozikas was very pleased with the season throughout and has said that Bulleen hopes to capture the elusive title next season.

BULLEEN: Raponi, Valentis, Ruccia, Marsan, Krajacic, Grbac, Mori, Thodis, Pappas (Branov), Vesnaver, Tuck.

NORTHCOTE: Tarudia, Mesourini (I. Constantinou), J. Constantinou, Anezakis, Tsekouris, Panagopoulos, Iliopoulos, Gymnopoulos, Hatzilazaridis, Metaxas, Milanovic.

VOTES: D. Mori (Bulls) - 2
J. Constantinou (North) - 1

**CROYDON 0
MORWELL FALCONS 3**

BY JOE COLOSIMO
MORWELL FALCONS finished its season with a convincing 3-0 victory against an under strength Croydon City at Dorset Gardens on Sunday.

With both defences on top early in the piece Morwell took the lead after doing it the hard way courtesy of Effie Cassar who drove the ball home from close range.

At the stroke of half-time Morwell increased its lead when a Billy Wright header was blocked on the line allowing Danny Nield to simply tap into an empty net.

With Croydon's confidence flagging Mor-

well attacked with exuberance and could have increased the margin by double however, the only shining light to a dull second half was a Danny Nield goal from another tight angle beating keeper Kevin Baker one-on-one to round off the scoring.

CROYDON: Baker, Opasinis, McCabe, Lennon, Brack (Cubitt), Brown, McGeachy, McArthur, Kauklainen (Dobson), Rinno-vasi, Field.

MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds, Upton (Harrison), Harris, Bruns, Roodhouse, Pender, Wright, A. Cassar (Ramos), McMullen, Nield, E. Cassar.

VOTES: D. McCabe (Croydon) - 1
A. Pender (Morwell) - 2.

**ALBION 2
THOMASTOWN 0**

BY ROD BOWLES
ALBION TURK-GUCU completed its topsy-turvy season on a high note with a convincing 2-0 victory over its more fancied opponents Thomastown with two goals from veteran defender Don MacLeod at Selwyn Park on Sunday.

Defender MacLeod finished the season as Albion's top goalscorer with nine goals and as man-of-the-match against Thomastown to finish a fine year personally for the stalwart.

The match was played in a fast and physical manner which was exemplified in the 70th minute when Albion's Scott Patterson was sent off by referee Dennis Voutsinas for an incident behind play with Thomastown goalkeeper Robert Brian.

Only two minutes later Albion finally cracked open proceedings when Les Carter flicked his free-kick to MacLeod who clinically finished from inside the six yard box.

Five minutes later the job was done when MacLeod ventured on a fine dribbling solo run through the Thomastown pack of defenders to clinch victory.

Thomastown fought hard to get back into the match on a few occasions with Peter Cocker hitting the post and a Gerry McAleer attempt was cleared off the goalline by Bobby Russell to mention its

best efforts but it was all in vain.

NOTE: Albion will play Sunshine George Cross this Sunday, at Selwyn Park at 3pm with all proceeds to be donated to hospitalised Albion defender Tyronne James.

ALBION: Toth, Z. Markovski, Binyazar, Russell, MacLeod, Carter, Grimaud, White (Patsaman), Freund, Patterson.

THOMASTOWN: Brian, De Propertis, Farquharson, Mihalidis, Di Martino, O'Donnell, Cristaldo, Tsangas, Cocker, Bekiaris, McAleer.

VOTES: D. MacLeod (Albion) - 3
P. Cocker (Thomas) - 1

**DOVETON 1
OAKLEIGH 0**

IT TOOK 26 rounds but cellar-dweller Doveton finally cracked it for a win in the final round of the season with a hard earned 1-0 victory over Oakleigh at Waratah Reserve.

The heavy conditions made life difficult for the players but they coped with a strong, competitive display for the spectators.

Doveton's Slavko Sotirovski had the ball in the back of the net after only five minutes but it was disallowed for an alleged push in the area.

Doveton scored its victorious goal on the half-hour after a long clearance saw a mix-up in the Oaks defence allowing Mitch Cattermole to pounce and finish the job from close range and gain instant hero status.

Oakleigh had its chances to equalise but twice they hit the bar via Danny Zemunik and Joe Leonardos.

The cheeky Doves found some long lost confidence as they proceeded to search for another goal but goalscorer Cattermole and Mick McCormick both missed open goals.

Oaks substitute Manny Tsirakis had one final chance for an equaliser but his fine header was well saved by Doves keeper Ossie to ensure the drinks would flow at Waratah Reserve to the wee hours of the night.

OAKLEIGH: Alexandropoulos, Bitsonis, Mills, Halford, Vaglas, Nicolaidis, Haldaris, Leonardos, Zemunik, Androu (Stamatidis), Stefanou (Tsirakis).

DOVETON: Ossie, Sotirovski, Cox, Brown, Luxford, Hodgson, Train, A. McCormick, McMinamee, Cattermole, M. McCormick.

VOTES: D. Hodgson (Doves) - 2
C. Halford (Oaks) - 2

**FAWKNER 0
GREEN GULLY 2**

BY VLADO VLAHOVIC
LOWLY GREEN GULLY ended its season on a high note after a deserved 2-0 victory over Fawkner Azzurri in a meaningless encounter at Jukes Road on Sunday.

Fawkner had more clear chances to score in the first half but Green Gully gained possession and made the most of its fewer opportunities to lead 1-0 at the break.

Gully scored the opener after 35 minutes had elapsed in fine style. Sash Becvinovski pounced on a Carlos Retre error 40 metres from goal and he charged into the area before unleashing an unstoppable shot high into the top near corner of the net, to round off a fine personal season as the Premier League's top scorer with 17 goals.

Fawkner's Jim McBride missed three first half chances but one of them was brilliantly tipped over the crossbar in acrobatic fashion by keeper Charlie Sant.

Gully increased its lead five minutes into the second half when Sveto Rastocic sent a long ball into the teeth of goal for speedy Derek Hunter to crash the ball high into the roof of the net.

The Azzurri's stepped up the pace and had good chances to get back into the match via David Hanna and Claude Lucchesi whose 20 metre direct free-kick sailed inches over the bar.

However, Green Gully defended solidly and counter-attacked on numerous occasions and could have won by a greater margin if its forwards would have concentrated less on feeding top goalscorer Becvinovski.

FAWKNER: Anastasidis, Walsh, Tombolato (Oztas), Gabrielson, Schipano, Wilson, Lucchesi, Hanna, McBride, Retre (Englezus), Emmanuelle.

GREEN GULLY: Sant, P. Spliteri (Hogben), Kuzman, Chetcuti, Belic, Azopardi, Smart, Micallef, Rastocic, Hunter, Becvinovski.

VOTES: C. Lucchesi (Fawks) - 1
D. Hunter (G. Gully) - 1

**ALTONA GATE 2
ST ALBANS 0**

BY DAVID BEARD
ALTONA GATE finished the season in fourth place after defeating a lacklustre St Albans 2-0 at Paisley Reserve.

Altona promised championship success early in the season but crucial losses and tactical errors proved to be the difference between Juve and the Gate at the end of the day.

Preston throwaway Tony Lingurovski was in scintillating form down the left wing and set up numerous chances as well scoring the second.

The highlight of the first half was Zoran Todorovski ballooning the ball to Tasmania from the penalty spot after Lingurovski was brought down weaving inside the box.

The first goal came in the 70th minute when Lingurovski skillfully dribbled into the box and passed to an unmarked Todorovski who turned the ball past the keeper.

The pathway for Altona's two goals was created by a strange decision to bring on the inexperienced Coric for Bradley Johnson in the 68th minute.

Consistent Klime Aslimoski ran through this gap on the left wing seven minutes from time and squared the ball for Lingurovski who dribbled past his opponent and rocketed the ball home.

St Albans came close thrice with Mick Colina hitting the crossbar and Ollie Pondeljak who hit the post with one of a few long range shots.

ALTONA GATE: A. Micevski, S. Micevski, Momirovski, T. Markovski, McMillan, Nicoski, Z. Markovski, Kebakoski (Egan), Aslimoski, Todorovski (Georgievski), Lingurovski.

ST ALBANS: Grgic, Skenderovic, Ketsakidis, Radic, Colina, Vanis, Allolovic, Marth, Gagula, Pondeljak, Johnson (Coric).

VOTES: T. Lingurovski (Altona) - 3
A. Radic (St Albs) - 1

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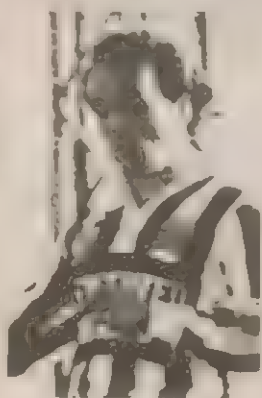
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Vlado Vlahovic's State Preview



CHARLIE EGAN

Melbourne Hellas in the 1989 final should be too strong for First Division Westgate this Saturday at Keilor Park.

For long periods this season, Altona Gate were title threats and played some of the most attractive soccer seen in the

Premier League, but as so often happens a three week stretch without victory put paid to its title dreams as several key players lost form at the wrong time.

Altona will be desperate to put the disappointment of lost title hopes behind it by compensating with the Dockerty Cup silverware.

Towards the latter stages of season '91 Altona added a more youthful flavour to its ranks with young forwards Zoran Todrovski and Tony Lingurovski joining young regulars Arthur Davis and Zlate Markovski.

Veterans Charlie Egan, Andy McMillan, Robert Momirovski, Peter Nicoski, Klime Aslimoski and Vlado Tortevski compliment its youth and with such calibre should be too strong for Westgate.

★★★★★

PREMIER League giants Brunswick Juventus should account for lowly Second Division Clifton Hill at Middle Park on Sunday whilst Thomas-town tackle even lower Second Division outfit Sunbury United at Partridge Reserve also on Sunday.

★★★★★

PREMIER League also-ran Green Gully meet high-flying Fourth Division Cranbourne at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

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STRONG Second Division side Keilor tackle lowly First Division Greek-backed side Port Melbourne in what promises to be one of the closest battles at Keilor Park Reserve on Sunday and Bentleigh Greens of the Second Division versus another high-flying Fourth Division side South Dandenong will also go down to the wire at George Andrews Reserve on Sunday.



Albion's Don MacLeod (right) makes life tough for Northcote goalkeeper Mark Turudia.

THIS WEEK

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ROUND THREE

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5
7PM KICK-OFF
Springvale City vs Seaford Utd

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7
3PM KICK-OFF
Westgate vs Altona Gate
M well Falcons vs Sprvale Utd

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8
3PM KICK-OFF
Green Gully vs Cranbourne
Croydon City vs Br meadows City

B wick Utd Juvie vs Clifton Hill
Thomas-town vs Sunbury United
Keilor vs Port Melbourne
Bulleen vs Holland Park
St Dandenong vs
Bentleigh Greens

Sat, 7th September, Round 29
Port Melbourne v Caulfield City

Sun, 8th September
North Geelong v Western Suburbs Melbourne City v Knox City, Ringwood City v Frankston Pines, Mordialloc v Essendon City, Werribee bye, Westgate v Bell Park, Springvale City v Box Hill

STATE LEAGUE DIV. ONE

Sat, 7th September Round 29
Suns Heights Polonia v Sandringham City, Geelong v Keilor, Nunawading City v Doncaster Rovers, Richmond v Dandenong, Bentleigh Greens v Clifton Hill, Sunbury United v Chelsea, Waverley City v Broadmeadows City, Brighton v Altona City



PROV LEAGUE DIV. ONE

Sat, 7th September Round 25
North Sunshine v Forest Hill, Brunswick City v Melton, Williamstown v Berwick City, Westvale v Yallourn, South Werribee v Knox Park, Altona East v Frankston United, South Spring v Maivern City

PROV LEAGUE DIV TWO

Sat, 7th September Round 25
Lalor v Wantirna, Un of Melbourne v Nth Glenroy, St Marks Hoppers Crossing v Ballarat, Meadow Park v Brandon Park, Montone United v Eastern Park, Brintons, East Geelong bye, Lyndale United v Keysborough.

PROV LEAGUE DIV. THREE

Sat, 7th September Round 25
Mitcham United v Waverley United, South Yarra v Balmain United, Ringwood Rovers v Carrum United, Port United v West Richmond, St Kilda v Glenroy, Monbulk v Hampton Park, Monash University v Kew Eagles

PROV LEAGUE DIV. FOUR

Sun, 8th September Round 25
Malvern Lemnos v Waverley Wanderers, Sunshine Park v Beaumans, Riverside v Collingwood City, Old Scotch v St H Waverley, Oakleigh United v Diggers Rest, East Kew bye, Latrobe University v Keilor United

PROV LEAGUE DIV. FIVE

Sun, 8th September Round 25
Thornbury Furlan Utd v RMIT, Upfield v Balwyn City, Broadmeadows Utd, Northern United v Epping, Concorde Diamond Valley v Cam Grammar Old Boys, Melbourne University v Albert Park, Maccahi, Doncaster Inter v Endeavour Hills

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GREG BLAKE PULLS NO PUNCHES

Juve set the pace in Victoria



IN reflecting on the very first Victorian Premier League season it must be said that any moderate success that can be claimed must be tempered by the two considerations.

The first, that the gradual acceptance of the new competition must be seen as only the beginning of a long haul of for the state's major competition.

In other words, the Premier League still has a way to go before it can claim to be an elite, semi-professional competition of considerable standing in the sporting community.

Secondly, any moderate success in 1991 can only be judged against that of its predecessor, the old State League, which was, in its latter years, only a tattered and torn remnant of its former self.

Any improvement this season was going to look like a glorious success.

But given that the VSF has been true to its word of at least attempting to drag Victorian clubs kicking and screaming into the 1990s, and that it will almost certainly adopt a long-awaited finals series to add some extra spice to 1992, the Premier League is a healthy, if not thriving, proposition.

As for the clubs, here is a brief guide to who did what and who did not in 1991.

JUVENTUS was clearly the yardstick for the league this season and did what most of the experts didn't believe it could do in 1991 by dominating the competition.

The 1989 and 1990 runner-up boasted clearly the best defence in the league, a credit to vastly under-rated coach Billy Rogers and the club provided some often rare quality football at this level.

John Corvan proved to be one of the season's best signings, Jeff Doyle was inspirational, Steve Smith proved he was still a class goal-scorer and flashy banana-bender Brian McNicol continued to catch the eye.

BULLEEN was, on its best days, the best side in the league.

When it was out of sorts, some players went missing.

But season 1991 was a milestone for the young club as it turned from also-rans into contenders and achieved its best-ever season under a coach destined to make his mark, Andy Bozikas.

Bulleen suffered with the early season loss of Bill Tsiakos and, late in the year, Fab Incantalupo, both of whom suffered broken legs in battle.

That the club weathered those trying times in style is a sure sign that Bulleen is truly one to watch during 1992.

Robbie Krajacic proved, if he needed to that is, that he is a class act.

MORWELL FALCONS started the season as title favorite — a tag coach Bobby McLachlan hated from the start — but was never really in the running.

Despite a pre-season recruiting drive and a seemingly star-studded line-up, Morwell suffered, at least early on, from having too many quality players fighting for ego space and, more latterly, a nasty injury run which left club stocks depleted.

In the end Morwell deserves credit for staying in the race for so long.

No doubt the sting of missing the NSL will linger down in the Latrobe Valley for some time, perhaps acting as a spur for next season.

Danny Neild stamped himself as a player of the future, taking the step up from the first division in his stride.

ALTONA GATE played a rare brand of quality football for much of the season but fouled its title chances with a late-season run of outs which eventually saw the end of Roy McLaren's reign at the helm.

In his place came Cele Presilski, who obviously put the side back on track but only after the gate was shut and the horses had bolted.

Klime Aslimovski, Tony Lingurovski and Peter Nickoski were stand-out performers



Bill Nalpantidis (Northcote) with Fatih Binyazar (Albion) in hot pursuit.

for a team which, should it remain together, must rate as a force again in 1992.

FAWKNER had the lot in terms of ability but even coach Claude Lucchesi has conceded that maybe some of his team members just didn't have the heart for the battle.

That might in some way explain why Fawknor managed to stumble in virtually every key match it played this season, winning just one of its ten matches (v Morwell Falcons) against the other top five sides.

Another concern is Fawknor's unhealthy reliance on Lucchesi the player, rather than the coach.

At 36 Lucchesi cannot keep producing forever, yet for the second season running he has finished clearly the club's best player.

Rob Tombolato marked himself as one of the best new talents on the scene.

THOMASTOWN

managed to topple big-guns on a regular basis but, with a limited squad from day one, was always going to struggle to stay with the pace-makers after losing skipper Dean Hennessey in round two as well as John Mihailidis and player-coach Ken Murphy for long periods.

There simply wasn't the depth to cover for players of that calibre, although the Devils must earn credit for having never thrown in the towel.

Thomastown was workmanlike and rarely spectacular, although keeper Bob Brian was the exception, proving himself to be clearly the best custodian in the competition.

Peter Cocker held a fraying Thomastown side together at times.

ALBION produced the goods when it was often least expected.

But it wasn't often enough to keep Terry Hennessey at the club.

He fell out of love with Selwyn Park — so

nearly taking a few players with him — when talk of pay disputes and the likes floated to the surface.

Thankfully Bobby Russell returned to the fold and, by season's end, had Albion producing something close to its best.

Dale White proved he is still NSL quality and Andrew Freund proved he isn't far away.

ST ALBANS won games — particularly over the second half of the season under Tony Vrzina — but few friends during the course of the year.

Although Dinamo broke no rules it managed to trot out the greatest array of NSL talent outside of the NSL, parading eight players from that competition in club colours over the year.

Needless to say the guest player farce hardly endeared St Albans to opposition clubs although from St Albans point of view, their in-

clusion had the desired effect.

All credit, however, to Andrew Marth and Chris Ketsakidis, who at least took their duties to the club seriously and gave tremendous value for money.

GREEN GULLY missed big Aki Kotzarnichalis, had too few consistent performers and might have been lost without a trace had it not been for new Heidelberg signing Sash Becvinovski.

The diminutive goal-scorer put his all-fated spell at Wollongong Mac well behind him and kept Gully out of trouble in an otherwise forgettable season.

In what was Gully's worst State League finish in a decade, ever-green Kenny Smart showed the way but many others refused to follow his lead.

CROYDON CITY had its greatest triumph early season when it moved to what is clearly one of the best grounds in the state at the Dor-

set Gardens complex.

What happened on the park will be quickly forgotten.

Croydon, a Victorian pace-setter more often than not, lost far too much talent pre-season to be considered a real threat in 1991.

Yet few would have credited such a dramatic fall from grace.

Thankfully, coach Ian Dobson recognised the symptoms early on and was prepared to give some young talent the chance to get some very valuable first team experience.

OAKLEIGH needed more than a healthy dose of some NSL quality inspiration from Heidelberg loan star Angie Goutzioulis to stay in the competition, it's that simple.

With Goutzioulis in Oakleigh, fresh up from division one last year, was transformed from also-rans to a side always capable of an upset.

Nick Haidaris was one of too few other Oakleigh players to impress over the course of the season.

MOOROOLBARK, despite another gallant late season run, always appeared vulnerable.

Branded as too old at the start of the season, Mooroolbark ended the campaign fielding an almost under-age side as season 1991 slipped away.

NORTHCOTE CITY, with players unpaid and the threat of extinction hanging like a pall of doom over the club, rarely looked capable of avoiding the drop.

Although possessed with the ability to test even the best sides in the league, one sensed that the heart of the team was missing when it counted.

Perhaps that was best exemplified by Alex Gymnopoulos, a player of extraordinary talent, who produced his best as the exception rather than the rule.

DOVETON can claim one success for the season, in that it will be remembered as the club which propelled Doug Hodgson to success.

Hodgson stood out like a beacon in an otherwise less than competent Doveton side which looked out of its depth from week one of the season.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR TABLES

UNDER 11

CEN/SOUTH A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
EAST BENTLEIGH	14	12	2	0	78	6	26
CLAYTON	13	11	1	1	64	9	23
BRIGHTON	14	10	2	2	69	13	22
SANDRINGHAM	12	5	0	0	40	30	11
ALBERT PARK MAC	11	4	3	4	22	21	11
ELWOOD	12	0	1	0	17	33	11
NEW EAGLES	12	4	2	0	14	25	10
BENTLEIGH GREEN	14	2	3	0	6	59	7
EAST RICHMOND	13	2	1	1	9	27	5
MORDALLONG	13	0	1	1	5	47	1
SANDRINGHAM B	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
BYE 300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NORTHERN

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
NTH GLE ST MARK	16	11	3	2	70	8	24
B U JUVENUS	14	10	2	2	60	10	21
FAKNER	15	9	2	4	36	0	17
MEADOW PARK	15	8	1	6	42	23	19
NTH RESERVOIR	15	7	4	4	27	12	18
THOMASTOWN	14	8	1	5	40	24	17
LALOR UNITED	15	9	1	5	43	23	16
NORTHOTE CITY	15	9	1	5	44	24	16
PRESTON	14	8	1	5	25	36	16
ESSENDON CITY	14	8	1	5	25	36	16
NTH RESERVOIR A	15	9	1	5	43	23	16
NEED PARK	15	9	1	5	43	23	16

CEN/SOUTH B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
LANGWARRIN	14	11	1	2	43	14	19
F/STON UTO	12	7	1	4	31	11	19
BAITER	11	7	1	3	27	18	18
MORRISVILLE	11	4	1	6	27	17	12
BEAUMARIS	12	4	1	7	27	17	12
PENINSULA	11	4	1	6	27	17	12
HASTINGS	12	2	1	9	14	44	5
F/STON PINES	12	2	1	9	8	40	5
CARRUM UTO	12	2	1	9	8	40	5

NTH/WEST A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
KEELOR A	13	11	1	1	71	6	24
ST ALBANS	13	10	1	2	48	12	19
SUNSHINE UTO	13	7	1	5	36	12	19
REGENT	12	7	1	4	37	14	15
ALTONA EAST	12	5	1	6	37	15	11
GREEN GULLY B	12	5	1	6	20	29	10
WESTERN SUBS	12	3	0	9	10	20	10
WESTVALE	12	3	0	9	17	59	9
SUNSHINE PARK	12	2	0	10	6	38	4
GLENNY	14	1	2	11	12	70	4
300	3	0	2	1	2	12	2

EASTERN A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
SPRINGVALE CITY	16	16	0	0	49	6	32
SEAFORD UNITED	16	14	0	2	40	15	28
DONCASTER ROY	16	11	1	4	48	20	23
HAVERLEY UTO A	16	11	1	4	48	20	23
MURAMADING CITY	15	8	1	6	30	24	17
LYNDALE UNITED	16	7	1	8	30	42	15
BENTON CITY	15	7	0	8	41	30	14
RINGWOOD CITY	15	6	0	9	43	41	11
SHOZ CITY	16	5	0	11	26	48	10
MORRISVILLE	16	5	1	10	21	77	10
HAVERLEY CITY	16	4	1	11	7	42	5
CLARINDA	15	0	1	14	4	64	1

NTH/WEST B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
LALOR	11	9	0	2	69	1	20
PASCOE PALE	11	8	0	3	43	0	19
MELTON A	11	7	0	4	30	13	14
ROSAHAN	11	7	0	4	20	12	14
KEELOR B	11	7	0	4	19	18	11
PRESTON B	11	5	1	5	30	27	11
HERRIBEE	10	5	0	5	13	16	0
YARRAVILLE	10	2	2	6	9	14	7
BYE 100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H/BERG UTO B	11	0	0	11	0	197	0

EASTERN B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
GRUYDON CITY A	14	11	1	2	54	10	23
STH SVALE A	13	10	1	2	46	8	22
SNEBBOROUGH PARK	14	9	1	4	29	20	22
KARINGAL	14	7	3	4	29	20	17
ELTHAM	13	6	2	5	31	20	14
KNOX PARK	13	4	3	6	24	25	11
SPRINGVALE UTO	12	3	3	6	17	22	9
HAMPTON PARK	14	2	4	8	15	30	8
BULLEEN	13	1	6	6	5	25	2
GLENN HAVERLEY	10	0	1	9	3	51	1

WESTERN

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
MELB CROATIA	12	12	0	0	85	6	24
MELTON B	13	9	2	2	45	12	20
GREEN GULLY A	14	9	1	4	53	19	18
SUNSHINE HTS	13	8	1	4	44	22	17
SUNSHINE G.I	13	7	1	5	35	18	15
ALTONA GATE	13	7	1	5	28	21	14
MELB CITY	14	4	2	8	23	31	10
ALTONA CITY	14	4	1	9	25	37	9
ALBION	13	1	0	12	13	84	2
HARRISBOROUGH UTO	12	1	0	11	4	90	2

EASTERN C

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BRANDON PARK	13	11	2	0	90	9	24
CRANBOURNE	13	9	2	2	61	13	21
SHOZLEY	12	8	1	3	72	14	19
DOVETON	11	6	4	1	30	18	13
GRUYDON CITY B	12	4	2	6	29	36	10
DONCASTER SUBS	12	4	2	6	29	36	10
OKLEIGH	11	2	4	5	12	19	8
MALVERN CITY	10	2	4	4	12	31	8
STH SVALE B	12	1	2	9	6	99	4
HAMPTON	12	0	1	11	1	79	1



UNDER 12

CEN/SOUTH

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
PENINSULA	16	11	4	1	59	21	26
CRANBOURNE	16	11	3	2	56	16	25
STH SVALE	16	11	2	3	51	14	24
BRIGHTON	16	11	1	4	62	19	23
SANDRINGHAM	16	11	1	4	49	32	23
F/STON UTO	16	10	1	5	38	22	22
OKLEIGH SUBS	16	5	4	7	29	40	14
DOVETON	16	3	4	9	23	47	10
LANGWARRIN	16	4	2	10	25	42	10
BAITER	16	3	3	10	24	49	9
EAST BENTLEIGH	16	1	2	13	11	38	4
BENTLEIGH GREEN	16	1	0	15	8	75	2

EASTERN B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
HAMPTON PARK	16	11	1	4	40	8	23
ELTHAM	16	11	2	3	58	19	24
ALBERT PARK	16	11	2	3	40	25	18
MURAMADING	16	7	3	6	41	38	17
LYNDALE A	16	7	1	8	34	17	16
STH SVALE B	16	5	1	10	29	20	16
STH SVALE C	16	5	1	10	30	33	13
CLAYTON	16	5	3	8	23	49	18
BEAUMARIS	16	5	3	8	20	27	11
CHEPPINGTON PARK	16	4	0	12	33	48	10
MELB CITY	16	3	3	10	19	38	10
MURAMADING B	16	3	1	12	6	59	7

EASTERN A

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
MITCHAM UTO	16	12	2	2	51	9	26
BEAUMARIS	16	11	2	3	30	7	24
GLENN HAVERLEY	16	9	1	6	34	15	23
CAULFIELD CITY	16	9	1	6	37	15	21
DONCASTER ROY	16	6	7	3	22	17	19
KNOX CITY EAGLES	16	6	4	6	26	14	18
MORRISVILLE	16	8	0	8	32	24	18
SVALE CITY	16	7	1	8	29	23	15
BULLEEN	16	3	1	12	26	25	10
EAST RICHMOND	16	2	1	13	15	36	7
SEAFORD	16	2	1	13	7	58	4
BENWICK CITY	16	1	0	15	8	78	2

NTH/WEST

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
BELL PARK	15	12	0	3	66	9	27
SUNSHINE PARK	14	12	0	2	69	7	24
E/BRUNS/IVANHOE	15	10	1	4	43	19	21
FAKNER	13	9	1	3	36	10	20
WESTVALE	13	6	1	6	42	23	16
MURAMADING PARK	13	6	1	6	32	29	13
WESTGATE	12	4	1	7	23	27	9
HERRIBEE	12	2	2	8	22	38	6
EAST OFFING	12	2	0	10	13	51	5
DOVETON KING	12	1	1	10	8	67	3
THOMASTOWN B	14	4	1	9	5	85	7

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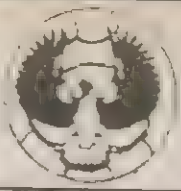
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NORTHOTE CITY	13	8	2	3	49	10	18
S.U. JUVENUS	14	6	4	4	18	16	16
THOMASTOWN A	13	6	3	4	13	7	15
PRESTON	13	6	3	4	17	20	15
NTH/GLE/STMARK	14	5	4	5	23	20	14
KNOX PARK	12	6	1	5	17	15	13
FITZROY EAGLES	13	3	4	6	17	22	10
NTH RESERVOIR	13	2	2	9	16	36	6
H/BERG UTO A	13	1	4	8	9	28	6
REGENT	10	1	1	8	5	36	2

WESTERN

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
ST ALBANS	15	10	4	1	36	8	24
MELB CROATIA	15	11	2	2	39	17	24
ALTONA CITY	16	9	5	2	32	10	23
SUNSHINE HTS	15	8	5	2	33	13	21
ALBION	15	8	4	3	35	25	18
SUNSHINE G.I	15	7	3	5	40	22	17
ALTONA GATE	16	6	4	6	29	18	18
NTH GEELONG	16	7	2	7	25	33	16
GREEN GULLY	10	2	0	8	4	30	9
SYDENHAM PARK	16	3	2	11	11	25	8
MELTON	16	2	1	13	7	57	5
BROADMEADOWS	17	1	1	15	3	57	3

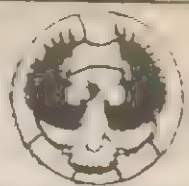
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Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

WITH ALAN CLARK



Slapsy Maxie now put on an Asian deadline

AGGRESSIVE Adelaide City striker Steve Maxwell has been given a fortnight to make a decision over his rich playing offer from Malaysian club Selangor.

Maxwell has been approached by Selangor boss Ken Worden who last year took Melbourne Croatia to the minor premierships in the National Soccer League here, reports Alan Clark.

"He seemingly is the overall boss there and the club's 'money man' is to be getting back in touch with me," Maxwell said today.

"Obviously the offer they have made so far looks very good and they have given me two weeks to think about it.

"Then they will be back in touch to see just what I want to do.

"I have talked to a few people here about the offer and have listened to their advice. I'm still thinking things over.

"I wouldn't like to leave City but the kind of offer they are talking about has to be looked at.

"At 26, you have got to start looking at what is best for your future."

Former Socceroo Maxwell has had a shorter break than several City colleagues after playing in the close season in Perth and with City's Foundation League side.

"We are starting to step up the work now, too, in training," he said.

"We did five sessions last week and it was pretty hard. But, really, we only have four or five weeks until we are right into it again."

HELLAS-coach John Karounos sees the end of season Cup clashes as a measuring stick for the long-term goals of his soccer kids.

Karounos is in charge of the side playing in local competition with Nick Pantsaras supervising the NSL build-up.

"They have ambitions with the club and this gives them a chance to see how they can go at this level," he said.

"I feel they are quite capable of holding their own in this kind of company.

"When Paul Agostino and John Pires come back from the Joeys we



Wanted by Selangor: Steve Maxwell.

shall have nine out of a squad of 14 who have had first team experience, so that speaks volumes for the depth of the playing strength at the club."

COACH Jimmy Campbell has left Second Division Campbelltown by mutual agreement.

Campbell has been with the Red Devils for the past two seasons.

"I felt the season was over for us with the end of the League and it was better for the club to look for someone now who can see in the games ahead what there is, there and get planning for next year," Campbell said.

"There are no hard feelings. I felt by mutual agreement. Nick Pantsaras has said he was the right man in the right place at the right time to take over Hellas.

"I probably was the

wrong person with the wrong club at the wrong time."

Campbell, one of the most knowledgeable and seasoned 'pros' in the game in SA, would like to stay involved next year and is confident something will eventually.

Veteran Campbelltown defender Ossie Michelson also has announced his retirement from the game. That's good news for strikers, who will miss his crunching tackles, but bad news for fans because another colourful character now will be out of action here.

WEST Adelaide hopes to fix up at least two young National Soccer League players in the next fortnight to bolster its squad.

And a position on the middle of the NSL ladder, according to new

coach Nick Pantsaras, could be a satisfactory achievement this season.

"We want to develop a squad with depth and be competitive in our first year," Pantsaras said.

"If we can string together a few results early anything can happen. But, realistically, I would be well pleased if we could consolidate and finish in the middle of the table. We could take it from there.

"Several of the players in our squad locally have had a taste of the NSL and this is a second chance for them. They are looking to do well.

"We also would like to try to fix up a couple of players in the 18-22 age bracket who have had NSL experience. They could be with us for next seven to eight years."

Assistant coach John

Karounos is looking after the squad for end of season Cup competitions in SA.

West's 'elite' squad had last week off before starting its build-up for the NSL.

The coach was happy to wrap up the title and thanked Blackwood for its part in the day. "What Donald Campbell and the club did up there with the streamers, guard of honour and champagne and chicken after the game was much appreciated by the players, myself and the club," Pantsaras said.

SA's National Soccer League giants Adelaide City and West Adelaide will face each other twice in four days in October in Hindmarsh.

West's first home match of the new season will be in a potential-filled derby against City on October 27. On Wednesday, October 30, the sides clash again in the NSL Cup first round.

The winner has a bye in the quarter-finals and will meet Melbourne Croatia, Heidelberg, South Melbourne or Preston in the semis at a venue to be advised.

The four Melbourne teams meet in the first round and winners of those games clash in the quarter-finals for the right to meet one of Adelaide's kingpins.

AFC Butterfield is the runaway winner of Division Eight amateurs.

The club has scored a mammoth 119 League goals this season with former Federation star Larry Sullivan on Sunday completing his 50 for the season in a 16-2 thrashing of Murray Bridge City.

Renamed TAI/Airport, the club hopes to make it mark next season in Division Seven.

PROMINENT businessman Charlie Zollo is the new president of NSL club Adelaide City.

He takes over from Charlie Caruso who had been the club's mentor for the past 20 years.

Fred Lenzis is the new vice-president with Joe Di Pinto secretary, Irene Toner finance director, and Charlie Capogreco sports director.

FORMER Hellas coach and Scottish professional Alby Kidd has been back to school — to gain an eye-opener on the game in Australia.

Australian Institute of Sport soccer chief Ron Smith and his team were the teachers as Kidd and some high profile players attended a Level 3 coaching course in Canberra.

"Any kid who gets the chance to go there should jump at it," Kidd said.

"This is the nearest thing to a professional club set-up you can find in Australia. Really the grounding they receive on the game is fantastic.

"Lots of good players have gone through the AIS, like Frank Farina and Lou Hristodoulou, and there are many good ones there again now. SA's Heath Robertson is one. He looks a really good prospect.

"I've been involved in the game at a professional level and I was very very impressed with what went on there."

Kidd was on course with such stars as John Kosmina, Kevin Hagan, Tommy McCulloch, Grant Lee, Bobby Russell and Gary McDowall.

"Help from the Australian Sports Commission makes the cost of the course inexpensive for players," Kidd said.

"If clubs could be run in a professional manner and make use of the kind of facilities available at the AIS they could have the recipe for success," Kidd said.

"I really could relate

to many of the things that were explained to us. And much of what we learned was a real eye-opener.

"Our course is excellent for players at the crossroads of their careers — looking to go on in coaching.

"The courses are just so thorough. They leave nothing to chance. Experts in all kinds of fields give instruction and guidance to make you aware of your body and how it works in relation to the sport you play.

"Really, I cannot talk highly enough of the place."

Kidd said the top-quality AIS kids received a structured approach to all aspects of the game, their body and how it worked.

Training methods were scientifically monitored regularly and coaches easily could pinpoint the fitness levels and standards of players.

The AIS course, though, does not just produce soccer 'robots'.

The coaching staff, with Steve O'Connor working with Ron Smith, are conscious of the part real flair still plays in the game.

"People who, as part of the overall team pattern, can dribble will be worth their weight in gold in the future," Kidd said.

"The game looks sure to become tighter and tighter. Players who can go past opponents and create space for others to utilise will be in big demand.

"They'll be your multi-million dollar stars."



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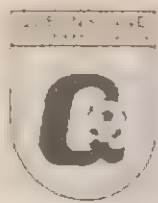


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Goalie could break new ground

A goalkeeper has never won Queensland soccer's best and fairest medal, but pundits are tipping the award could be in safe hands this season.

Mount Gravatt's state no.1 Stuart Woodruffe has emerged as war-favourite to win the gold medal this year.

Woodruffe, 26, has been an outstanding player in a side which finished mid-table — pre-requisites that have given players runaway medal wins in the past.

While picking a best and fairest winner is always difficult, given it is almost impossible to predict how referees adjudicate different players, scarcely a weekend has passed this season without Woodruffe being credited with an outstanding save.

Many have suggested even in the games Mount Gravatt have lost, matches in which the cherished three pointers probably went to the opposition, Woodruffe almost certainly picked up the two point vote.

A gold medal would be overdue reward for one of Queensland soccer's most under-rated players.

Woodruffe was a product of the phenomenal junior year which produced Queensland players of the calibre of Frank Farina, Danny Wright, Alan Hunter, Steve Jackson and Russell Stewart.

Woodruffe was a member of the 1982 state youth side which won the national championship — but not as a goalkeeper. He played as a centre forward in dual attacking role with Farina and matched the ace in the goalscoring department.

Woodruffe had always been a part-time keeper through his junior years but it took a broken leg to convince him to stay between the sticks permanently.

For the past five years he has played in the shadow of host of talented Queensland goalkeepers including Jason Kearton and Rob Farrow.

Even at the beginning of this year, new state coach Juan Cutillas experimented with others before finally seeing the light and installing Woodruffe as his No. 1. The Mount Gravatt custodian responded with some outstanding performances for the state, including a save Cutillas rated "world class" in the Maroons'

GREG RUSSELL LOOKS AT THE SUNSHINE STATE

recent match against Canterbury.

This year's QSF gold medal winner will be named at a Perry Park function on Monday, September 23.

The QSF has maintained the best and fairest medal concept despite the loss of Rothmans as a sponsor three years ago. Coalstars' Andy Ogden won the first gold medal while last year's winner was Frank Pimblett.

Last year's medal sponsor, radio Q-FM, has been unable to sustain its backing this season, but the federation is currently negotiating with new sponsors.

While Woodruffe will go into the function as favourite he will be by no means the only contender.

It is hard to see anyone from XXXX League cellar dwellers Nerang, Acacia Ridge, Taringa

or Brisbane City providing a winner but the other clubs all have strong medal chances.

North Star are a side whose players will have earned at least their share of three-point votes, with state fullback Shane Haddow among those likely to be on the leader board.

Rochdale have had so many outstanding players this season, it is hard to see one emerging above the others, many would like to see veteran player-coach John Stewart rewarded for his service to the game with a medal victory, but he could find his goalscoring aces Keiran Cooper and Paddy Dillion denying him valuable points.

East's have perennial medal favourites Steve Perry and Frank Pimblett but there's strong support in early betting for state defender Stein Grodum who has a reputation as a tough but fair player.

Coalstars veteran Kevin Caldwell has announced his retirement at the end of this season and it would be fitting if he could end his career with a second medal victory. It would be an amazing feat given his wins would be more than 15 years apart.

Pine Rivers are a team with a host of fine players who attract votes from the referees. But hard-working midfielder John Schiavo has a tremendous rapport with fellow players and officials and would be a well-received medal winner.

Most consider Lions have too many stars for any one of them to win the medal. Although that theory has been almost dispelled in the past with a number of Richlands boys polling among the leader.

Still, there is warming support around for tireless defender Andrew Stowell to rise above the many Lions contenders and perhaps be Woodruffe's biggest rival for the gold award.

If there is to be a dark horse in the medal count, it could come from Croatia, who have exceeded all expectations this season to be in the finals in their first year back in the top flight.



Aussie superstar Frank Farina.

SUMMER SOCCER ABOUT TO BLAST-OFF AT PERRY

Queensland fans will get an early taste of summer soccer night football with the switching of two XXXX League play-off rounds to Saturday evenings.

The finals kick off with a double header at Perry Park on Sunday, but the following two weekends will see Saturday night games.

The scheduling includes the major and knockout semi-finals and the preliminary final, but the Grand Final will revert to Sunday for the September 23 season climax.

With a number of XXXX League players currently doubling up and training with the new NSL side as well as their club teams, a compromise in the scheduling of finals matches was needed.

Finals games will be played at soccer headquarters on Saturday, September 14 to allow Brisbane United to play an NSL warm-up

match the following day.

While some players will face matches on consecutive days, their clubs are at least happy in the knowledge that by playing the XXXX games on Saturday night the Brisbane United players will be fresh for their club duties.

The switch of matches from Sunday, September 22 to the previous Saturday evening is evidence that the Queensland Soccer Federation has heeded recent criticism.

The QSF was bucketed from within and outside the code for scheduling matches recently on the same evening as the rugby league test decider between Australia and New Zealand at Lang Park.

The NSW rugby league Grand Final will be played on September 22 and the QSF wisely has taken a punt on getting a Saturday night crowd the previous evening rather than trying to compete on the same afternoon.

"It's very difficult at this time of the year to

avoid clashes with other football codes but the QSF has tried to make things easier for those who have an interest in all codes," said QSF secretary Jim Gilbert. "We now hope the supporters will show their appreciation by turning out to the Saturday night games."

The opening round of XXXX League finals this weekend will have an added attraction in the presence of former Liverpool star Craig Johnston.

Johnston will oversee the Queensland launch of the Roo Ball concept.

Matches involving six under 8 and 9 teams will be played between the preliminary semi-final and the qualifying semi on a packed afternoon program at soccer headquarters.

"The finals football alone is certain to be entertaining but having Craig Johnston there will make it a day not to be missed," Gilbert said. "We're hoping for a very strong turnout."



Russell Stewart in all his glory.



King of the kids: RooBall expert Craig Johnston.

SKILL THE MAGIC ANSWER

BY STEVE DARBY
AUSTRALIAN Soccer players are often described as athletic, powerful, and brave.

It is very rare that they are described as skilful or have a good touch. It is also often said that the players from the "Old Days" who were migrants were better on the ball.

Nobody seems to have the magical answer why this is so, but there seems to be a common thread to obtaining this good touch of the ball. The thread being playing lots and lots of games in the streets of whatever country the player came from.

This could range from one vs one to seven a side, only stopping for darkness or if a car came down the street.

In those days, wall passes were literally wall passes and a lamp-post was usually a goal post!

We have to accept that this soccer environment does not exist in Australia, whether we like this fact or not! Kids in Australia today have a number of choices of how they spend their leisure, that not only includes other

sports but other types of options such as Television, Videos, Skateboarding and course Surfing.

So how do we re-create the street football which is credited with the development of skilful players? The Australian Soccer Federation has decided to re-vamp Mini-Soccer, and replace it with RooBall.

The name RooBall was chosen as firstly it is very Australian and therefore not linked with any one particular nationality. Also its related to Socceroo, therefore a young player can be on the way to becoming a Socceroo.

The game is all about skill development. The number of players is reduced with players under eight having six players on a team, and players under 10 having nine players. The pitches are reduced, therefore the play will be a lot tighter and players must develop a good first touch and close ball control.

To aid these skill-related factors, the ball size is reduced to a size three for under eights and a size four for under 10s. Also all free kicks are indirect to encourage more touches of a

ball for all players.

The pitch sizes have been reduced and The Drug Offensive/RooBall brochure outlines the recommended sizes.

Obviously, due to economics and practicalities the sizes of the respective pitches and goals are not set in concrete. Common sense should prevail. A simple guide is that one average size soccer field can have three RooBall games on it.

The under tens playing across one half and the under eights playing in one quarter. This means that on one soccer pitch forty two young players can be actively involved.

A number of experts in the game met to devise the rules and these included Craig Johnston, Eddie Thomson, Les Scheinflug, Mike Wells, Ron Smith and all the State Directors of Coaching and Development Officers and they felt that RooBall is certainly the way to go to make a more skilful Australian player.

If we can add balls skills to our already outstanding athletic talents, then we will truly be a soccer force in the twenty first century.

GIRLS LOVE IT

By Janine McPhee, Female Socceroo

AS a youngster I never had the opportunity of playing in under-age competitions.

Women's Soccer, then in its infancy, simply did not offer that opportunity.

Times have changed since the introduction of RooBall.

Both girls and boys from the ages of eleven years and under are now able to participate in a modified version of soccer specially designed to meet the physical requirements of young players and to provide that element of FUN to the game.

RooBall now offers both girls and boys many other advantages such as:

1. Fun
2. Increased participation
3. Allows for skill development to flow from the junior to senior ranks
4. Encourages a friendly atmosphere
5. Increases players confidence through participating at a younger age
6. Greater participation from a cross section of abilities

7. The chance to make great mates!

In the past many girls grew up with the perception that soccer is a game "for the boys".

RooBall has changed this perception. It has encouraged girls from a younger age that there is nothing beyond their grasp. As well as utilising the optimum years for developing skill acquisition it also lays a basis for greater opportunities, greater achievements such as state and national representation.

As an Australian international I only wish RooBall was up and running when I was a kid!

AND CRAIG SAYS

"SOCCER is a beautiful game with the object being enjoyment. As a youngster my best friend was my soccer ball.

"We went everywhere together. We spent hours devising new games and practising skills.

These simple fun games enabled me to go to England and play for Liverpool,

"But even at Liverpool the games didn't stop. Every morning we played our own form of RooBall, a simple six-a-side game, because even grown up players have to enjoy their soccer."

"At primary school age we're not looking for fitness or tactics. We're looking for smiles and laughter and that's what RooBall is all about."

IT'S FUN FOR ALL

BY MIKE WELLS

THE Australian Soccer Federation was delighted to form a relationship with The Drug Offensive to promote our modified game of RooBall.

RooBall is the ASF's vehicle to promote the philosophies of skill acquisition, gender equity, participation and most of all fun.

There is heavy emphasis on fun as all research has shown that kids drop out of soccer because they stop having fun. If we are realistic, it can't be much fun if a young player has a

parent abusing and screaming at them.

If we are realistic we must accept that sadly this is the case and that soccer does have an "ugly parent" syndrome.

To help alleviate this, RooBall will not be played in Leagues or Cups as the ASF feels that children are naturally competitive and will try just as hard to win without any extrinsic reward.

The extrinsic awards such as trophies tend only to excite the parents and in turn put undue pressure on the children. If awards are to be given let them be participation awards and let them be a ball or a soccer book so that there is lasting value to the award.

The Drug Offensive have realised that the values of RooBall are sympathetic with their goals and also that soccer has a huge junior market. The Drug Offensive will now be able to access their excellent programs through RooBall and reach a clientele where they can be educated into good health habits as opposed to trying to convert people of an older age.

'Make the most of what you've got with RooBall and the Drug Offensive'

Paul Wade Socceroo Captain

"My kids are going to play Rooball, it's the best way to learn to play our great game."

Anissa Tann Socceroo Captain

"Rooball is certainly going to make female players more skillful."

Eddie Thomson Socceroo Coach

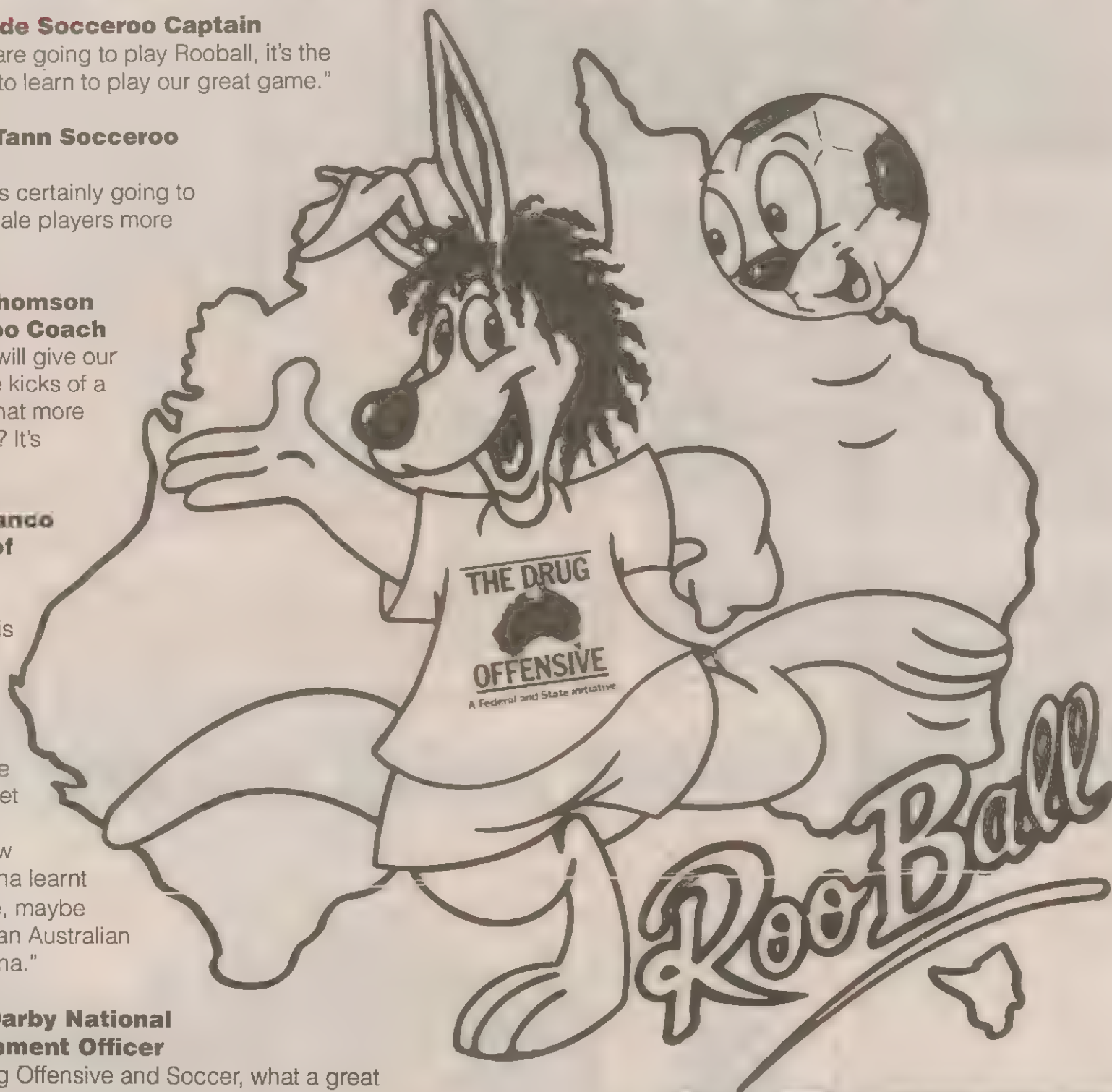
"Rooball will give our kids more kicks of a ball. . . what more can I say? It's great."

Raul Blanco Coach of Melita Eagles

"Rooball is the nearest way we can reproduce back street football. That's how Maradona learnt the game, maybe we'll get an Australian Maradona."

Steve Darby National Development Officer

"The Drug Offensive and Soccer, what a great team to make Australia a better place for kids."



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Craig Johnston and young Rooballers

JUNIOR JOTTINGS

Robbie Wheatley reports...



From left to right, back row: Derek Hodgins, Merle Coutts (Manager), Ben Coutts, Luis Salgado, Adam Ciaccia, Jason Markezic (captain), Brian Eastal, Travis Neil, Gerry Santosuosso (Coach). Front row: Adam Barker, David Arranz, Matthew Devenish, Adie Waugh, Brenton Desmond and Daniel Santosuosso.

The Belnorth Blue team playing in the ACT First Division Under 12 Soccer Competition are having a fine season and are running third.

Last year in the Under 11 Competition ten of these players were in the Belnorth Gold team which took out the Age Championship in the ACT.

Over the two years, seven of the boys have been selected in the ACT Primary Schools Soccer Train-On Squads (4 in 1990 and 3 in 1991). One represented in 1990 and two have been selected in the representative team this year.

Watch out we're coming to get you!

BY STEVE DABBY

"Watch out Rugby League and Aussie Rules, Soccer is coming after you!"

That was the quote by Gary Phillips the Sydney Olympic Development Officer, after the first QNSL Development Officers seminar.

All the newly

appointed development officers of the QNSL clubs met in Canberra at the Australian Institute of Sport over the weekend. At the seminar they learnt just what a large amount of work the job is and the effort that will be needed to catch up on Rugby League and Aussie Rules.

The program for the weekend included National programs such as Rooball, Aussie Sports and the CAPS scheme, the work done at state level by development officers such as Robert Wheatley, Jeff Olver and Carlos Bussetti and the most vital aspect of the job, how to get into schools and what

to do when you are inside one.

Mike Wells, the National Coaching Director spoke about how important coaching qualifications are, and Graham Cooke, of the Canberra Times, also taught the Development Officers how to improve and enhance relationships with the media.

THE recent announcement by the National Soccer League clubs of Australia of the appointment of development officers to represent their clubs in a whole host of different promotional and developmental work for the upcoming 1991/92 season signals the beginning of an exciting series of changes and improvements for the code.

The move was put forward initially in the Bradley Report with the aim of each club establishing a district base of supports in addition to their ethnic support base, as well as increasing the number of juniors playing soccer. Increased spectators was also an expected outcome of more promotional activity.

The development officers' launch took the form of a two day seminar in Canberra, organised by the ASF's Steve Parky, who brought together the 14 people who have been chosen to complete the job.

The NSW NSL club representatives are Brian Ellem (Apia-Leichhardt), Tony Krslovic (Sydney Croa-

tia), Andrew Callinan (Parramatta-Melita), Gary Phillips (Sydney Olympic), Berti Mariani (Marconi-Fairfield), Ken Kaiser (Newcastle) and Chris James (Wollongong).

The seminar allowed all players to be introduced to the requirements of the position together with resources to carry out the job (posters, stickers and pamphlets). They were also shown what has been achieved up to this point in time by the other states and also how the development officer can assist the code.

A great deal was gained by this initial introduction and the need for promotional work to be started as soon as possible, mainly in the form of school visits, was emphasised. A starting point of one month prior to Round One of the NSL was suggested and this has been made a target for the NSW based officers.

The major aim in the early stages was to determine an area of responsibility that each NSL club would cover. Once this was determined a division of Sydney could be made that equitably broke up the city to allow work to begin. Country areas will be allocated to clubs in the future so that work can

be completed in the NSL off season.

Another important requirement is that the appointed development officers are confident of the role they must play. Ken Kaiser and Chris James are highly qualified coaches and have experience in working with teams on a representative level.

Berti Mariani has organised and participated in Marconi's promotional work over the last four years. Gary Phillips has also been actively involved during the past season with Sydney Olympic.

The other players will now proceed through a period of training where school visits have been organised for their practical experience. This will have them ready for the target date in three weeks' time.

The coaches and players responsible for development work in the other states are:

Victoria: Tim White (Director of Coaching) Jeff Olver (State Development Officer), Gary Bratten (Heidelberg) Sam Meyer (South Melbourne), Billy Vojtek (Melbourne Croatia), Oscar Crino (Preston), Alan Hunter (Brisbane United), Michael Brooks (Adelaide City), John Karovnos (West Adelaide).

COMMONWEALTH BANK SEMI-FINAL ACTION!

The stage is set for tonight's long awaited semifinals in the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup to be played at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.

The four quarter final matches saw Shailer Park (Old) defeat Kadina (Lismore) 1-0; St Dominics, Penrith defeat Oxley (Tamworth), 1-4; - 1-2p; Westfields defeat Holy Cross, Ryde 2-1 and Keira Tech (NSW Sth Coast) defeat Kelso (Bathurst) 2-0. All these matches were closely contested and spirited.

The program is:- Tuesday, September 3 6pm. Westfields v Keira. Shailer Park v St Dominics, Penrith at 7.30pm.

Wednesday, Septem-

ber 4, 5pm. Cardiff v Holy Cross, Ryde (Inter-city Friendly). At 6.15pm Play-off for Third and Fourth place. Grand Final at 7.30pm.

For the first time in the history of the competition, there will be medals awarded to the beaten semifinalists — kindly supplied by the Commonwealth Bank.

Mr Terry Murphy from the bank's Media & Public Relations Department will be in attendance at the final along with other leading officials.

Personnel from Education authorities, plus other supporters, including sponsors and the Northern NSW Soccer Federation will also play a part in the evening.

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Getting started on a new career



Candidates for the Australian Soccer Federation's Level 3 coaching badge, and their instructors, took time off for this group photograph at the Australian Institute of Sport. Back row from the left: Gary Bratten, Jack Doherty, Albie Kidd, Tom Sermanni, Steve O'Connor, Craig Bassett, Kevin Hagan, John Kosmina, Anissa Tann, Ken Kaiser, Hade, Ron Smith. Front row: Bobby Russell, Lee Grant, Paul Jones, Jimmy Cant, Bernie Lustica, Greg Dickinson.

OUR MAN IN CANBERRA GRAHAM COOKE

ALS and Metro lads dominate the ACT schoolboy squad

CANBERRA Metro and Australian Institute of Sport members dominate the ACT Open Schoolboys squad for the national championship in Brisbane this month — but coach Ian Gibson said he had no other choice.

"I was shocked at the lack of response from the local clubs," he said. "They were all circulated and there were three trials, but I would have been lucky to have seen eight players who were not either from the Metros or the AIS."

Only Craig Rankine (Canberra City) and Elliott Zwangobani and Tony Nazor (Canberra Croatia) represent the ACT First Division in the squad. The latter two are from Gibson's own team.

"I can only think that players thought they would not get a fair go because I coach Croatia and am close to the Metros," Gibson said.

"Nothing could be further from the truth — I would have loved to have selected a more representative squad."

"Six AIS players is more than in previous years and probably one or two too many, but what can you do when they are the keen ones and turn up at the trials?"

"As it is this is a very strong squad, quite capable of challenging the other states for the title."

The squad, to play in Brisbane from September 8 to 15 is: Michael Giannasca (Metro — Lake Ginninderra College), Takis Arvanitis (Metro — Lake Ginninderra), Zoran Bizimovski (AIS — Lake Ginninderra), Bradly Ditton (AIS — Lake Ginninderra), Paul Gagetti (Metro — Phillip College), Ante Juric (Metro — St Edmund's College), Goran Lozanovski (AIS — Lake Ginninderra), Ante Milicic (AIS — Lake Ginninderra), Paul Roberts (Metro — Marist College), Lazar Simeonov (Metro — St Edmund's), Mark Sorrintino (AIS — Lake Ginninderra), Danny Stowers (AIS — Lake Ginninderra), Elliott Zwangobani (Canberra Croatia — Lake Ginninderra), Tony Nazor (Canberra Croatia — Dickson College), John Rakic (Metro — St Edmund's), Craig Rankine (Canberra City — Lake Ginninderra).

TEENAGE defender Mladin Rogic has been given a full contract by NSW League club Canberra Metro.

The club's director of soccer, Mirko Skrnjug, said he called the 18-year-old into his office this week and made him the offer. "You could see he was delighted at gaining the same status as the other first-team players," Skrnjug said.

Rogic is the find of the season for the Metros. He began the year in the youth team but was promoted after Socceron Ned Zelic was recalled by his Quil National League club, Sydney Croatia. He made a disastrous start, conceding a penalty in the 4-0 loss to Sydney Macedonia, but bounced straight back to score in the next game and now, with seven league appearances behind him, is an established member of the side.

Skrnjug hinted there might be at least one more contract awarded in the next few weeks.

INDOOR soccer, about to embark on its main summer season in the ACT, will quit the Australian Institute of Sport after being presented with an increased bill for court hire.

ACT Futsal President David Wright said he had learnt of the proposed increases by letter at the end of last month.

"The increase is a massive \$25 per court per hour," he said. "To cover it we would have had to raise team registration fees from \$360 to \$500."

In a letter to Wright, the assistant manager (facilities) Tony Sadler says the cost is based on the need for increased resurfacing of the courts because of "the sliding action of the players which causes scuff marks on all areas of the playing surface".

Wright, who says he has never been shown these marks, is now looking for another venue for Futsal's Northside competitions.

THREE clubs dominate the ACT Senior Women's squad, announced this week. Five are from champion Weston Creek, a similar number from Canberra City and four from Juventus, leaving Olympic's Mariana Rollgejer and three from the affiliated Albury-Wodonga Association to complete the party.

The championship will be contested in Canberra from September 15 to 21. The ACT squad is: Heather Burnie, Carmel Carters, Katrina Alexander, Kirsten Smith, Angie Bean (Canberra City), Donna O'Brien, Di Simpson, Kim Williams, Karolina Ivanasevic, Julie Murray (Weston Creek), Julie Anderson, Sacha Wainwright, Alex Focken, Sophia Mathas (Juventus), Mariana Rollgejer (Olympic), Lisa Williams, Rachael Kelly, Angela Iannotta (Albury Wodonga). Coach, Jim Gordon. Manager, Cathy McCallum.

UNIVERSITY of Canberra chairman Paul Davison will have to make a small cover charge for the university's presentation of live English soccer matches after all.

"I have checked my costings and there will now be an admission charge of \$2 a head," he said. "That still compares favourably with outlets elsewhere who were charging \$10 last year."

A regular soccer program has returned to Radio Station 2SSSFM after a break of two years. Graham Cooke will join Steve Doszpot in presenting Soccer Scene each Friday at 7.15am with a repeat for late risers at 11am on Saturdays.

A number of new players will sign up next season after a seven-a-side girls' carnival organised by Weston Creek. The final was won by Belnorth against a combined Tuggeranong-Weston Creek team.

Creek registrar and organiser Mick Crawley said this would be a boost for the regular competition, which is played on Saturday afternoons throughout the winter.

Latest overseas results & tables

EURO-92

NORWAY 0 USSR 1
(Alexander Mostevoi 74m) in Oslo.

ITALY

Ascoli 0 AC Milan 1,
Bari 1 Torino 1, Cagliari 3 Sampdoria 2,
Genoa 2 Cremonese 0,
Internazionale 1 Foggia 1,
Juventus 1 Fiorentina 0,
Lazio 1 Parma 1,
Napoli 1 Atalanta 0,
Verona 0 AS Roma 1.

GREECE

Olympiakos 4, AEK 2,
Apollon 3, Ethnikos 0,
Heraklis 2, Panionios 1,
Larissa 1, Doxa 1,
Xanthi 0, Pierikos 1,
Panathinaikos 0, Ofi 3,
Panseiraikos 3, Athinaikos 1,
Panathinaikos 7,
Korinthos 0.

STANDINGS

Panathinaikos	2
Ofi	2
Apollon	2
Panseiraikos	2
Olympiakos	2
Heraklis	2
Pierikos	1
Larissa	1
Doxa	0
AEK	0
Panionios	0
Athinaikos	0
Xanthi	0
Ethnikos	0
Panathinaikos	0
Korinthos	0
Paok	0
Aris	0

YUGOS

Zemun 2 Sutjeska
Niksic 1, Red Star Belgrade 4
Sloboda Tuzla 0, Spartak Subotica 1
OFK Belgrade 1 (OFK Belgrade won 4-3 on penalties), Velez Mostar 2
Sarajevo 2 (Velez won 4-3 on penalties), Radnicki Nis 1
Partizan Belgrade 3, Vojvodina Novi Sad 1
Rad Belgrade 0, Borac Banjaluka 0
Buducnost Titograd 0 (Borac won 2-0 on penalties), Zeljeznicar Sarajevo 1
Proleter Zrenjanin 0, Vardar Skopje 2
Pelister Bitolj 1.

STANDINGS

Zemun	7
Red Star	6
Partizan	6
Vojvodina	5
OFK Belgrade	5
Buducnost	4
Vardar	4
Zeljeznicar	4
Velez	4
Radnicki	2
Sutjeska	2
Rad	2
Spartak	2
Pelister	2
Sarajevo	2
Borac	2
Proleter	2
Sloboda	1



SALVATORE SCHILLACI

SPAIN

Athletic Bilbao 0 Sevilla 2, Real Valladolid 0
Sporting Gijon 1, Cadiz 0 Real Madrid 1,
Tenerife 3 Logrones 0 Valencia 2 Deportivo Coruna 1,
Osasuna 2 Albacete 0, Atletico Madrid 2
Real Burgos 0, Real Oviedo 0 Real Mallorca 0,
Real Zaragoza 1 Espanol 1, Barcelona 2 Real Sociedad 0.

PORTUGAL

Benfica 2 Guimaraes 0, Beira Mar 0 Gil Vicente 0,
Chaves 2 Maritimo 1, Farense 1
Pacos Ferreira 0, Penafiel 2
Salgueiros 0, Porto 5 Torreense 0,
Uniao Madeira 2 Boavista 0,
Braga 1 Sporting 1.

STANDINGS

Chaves	6
Porto	4
Boavista	4
Benfica	4
Guimaraes	4
Uniao Madeira	4
Penafiel	4
Sporting	3

AUSTRIA

Viena 0 Stahl Linz 0, Austria 8 DSV Alpine 1,
Admira Wacker 2, Rapid 0, Vorwaerts Steyr 2
FC Tirol 4, SC Krems 0 Austria Salzburg 1,
Sturm Graz 1 St Poelten 0.

STANDINGS

Austria	14
Austria Salzburg	13
FC Tirol	12
Stahl Linz	12
Rapid	10
Admira Wacker	9
Sturm Graz	9
Viena	8
Vorwaerts Steyr	7
St Poelten	5
SC Krems	5
DSV Alpine	4

CZECH

Sparta Prague 3 Cheb 0, Inter Bratislava 2
Slavia Prague 0, Banik Ostrava 4
Budejovice 0, Dunajska Streda 4
Spartak Trnava 1, Dukla 0
Slovan Bratislava 0, Olomouc 5
Hradec Králové 0, Presov 4
Vitkovice 1.

STANDINGS

Banik Ostrava	7
Olomouc	7
Slovan Bratislava	7
Dukla	6
Slavia	6
Inter Bratislava	5
AC Sparta Prague	5
Presov	5
Bohemians	3

SWISS

FC Zurich 1 St Gallen 1, Young Boys 0
Grasshopper 2, Servette 2 Aarau 2,
Lucerne 0 Sion 0, Lugano 3
Neuchatel Xamax 1, Wettingen 1
Lausanne 1.

STANDINGS

Lausanne	13
Sion	13
Grasshopper	13
Lucerne	8
Aarau	8
Neuchatel Xamax	7
Lugano	7
Young Boys	6
Servette	6
Wettingen	6
FC Zurich	5
St Gallen	4

BELGIUM

Kortrijk 1 Lierse 1, Anderlecht 4 Aalst 1,
Charleroi 1 Waregem 2, Mechelen 3
Beveren 1, Cercle Brugge 1 Ekeren 1,
Standard Liege 1 Lokeren 0,
Ghent 3 FC Liege 1, Genk 4
Molenbeek 1.

STANDINGS

Anderlecht	5
Genk	5
Mechelen	5
Club Brugge	4
Antwerp	4
Waregem	4

Charleroi	3
Standard L.	3
Kortrijk	3
Ghent	3
Cercle Brugge	3
Molenbeek	2
Lokeren	2
Lierse	2
FC Liege	2
Beveren	1
Ekeren	1
Aalst	0

FRANCE

Toulon 1 Marseille 0, Sochaux 1 Monaco 3,
Nimes 2 Cannes 1, Toulouse 2 Nantes 1,
Rennes 0 Lens 0, Caen 2 Le Havre 1,
Paris St Germain 1 Nancy 0, St Etienne 1 Auxerre 1,
Lille 1 Lyon 0.

STANDINGS

Monaco	14
Marseille	12
Metz	10
Nantes	10
P. St Germain	10
Lille	10
Auxerre	9
Lens	9
Caen	9
Le Havre	9
Saint-Etienne	8
Toulouse	7
Lyon	6
Nimes	6
Sochaux	6
Toulon	5
Cannes	5
Rennes	5
Montpellier	4
Nancy	4

HOLLAND

FC Utrecht 1 RKC Waalwijk 1,
Willem II 2 De Graafschap 1,
Vitesse Arnhem 0 Roda JC Kerkrade 0,
PSV Eindhoven 5 Fortuna Sittard 2,
SVV/Dordrecht 2 FC Den Haag 2.

STANDINGS

Roda JC	5
PSV Eindhoven	4
Willem II Tilburg	4
Vitesse Arnhem	4
RKC Waalwijk	4
Ajax Amsterdam	3
Feyenoord R.	3
FC Groningen	3
SVV/Dordrecht '90	3
FC Den Haag	3
FC Volendam	3
Sparta Rotterdam	2
FC Twente	2
Fortuna	2
FC Utrecht	1
MVV Maastricht	1
De Graafschap D.	1

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GHANA WINS WORLD TITLE

Ghana beat Spain 1-0 in the final of the worldunder-17 soccer championship in Florence last Saturday.

Ghana dominated most of the match with a string of near-misses before they breached the Spanish defence in the 75th minute with Duah heading home from a corner.

☆☆☆☆

For 3rd place: Argentina beat Qatar 4-1 (penalties).

John Warren from Italy

Argentina v Spain 0-1

EUROPEAN champions Spain and African sensation Ghana qualified for the final of the under 17 Youth World Championship last Thursday.

Spain beat Argentina, Australia's conquerors, 1-0 in the semi-finals and Ghana needed a penalty shoot-out to knock out another team that defeated the Joeys — Qatar.

Spain thoroughly deserved their win against Argentina at Massa.

They were superior throughout and the scoreline flattered the

South Americans.

The only goal of the match was scored by Juan Carlos Pardo, who plays for the Barcelona juniors.

Pardo is an Emilio Butragueno look-alike and seems destined for as brilliant a career as a goalscoring striker.

He was also presented with the Player of the Match award, and by none other than another legendary striker, Hugo Sanchez.

Sanchez was amongst several big name identities at the game.

Also there were top coaches Azeglio Vicini, Michael Platini, Alfio Basile and Arrigo Sacchi.

SPAIN: Vallejo, Castro Caputo, Chocarro, Ortega, Gutierrez, Leon Gar-

cia, Fumero, Moron, Robaina, Pardo (Quevedo 76m), Ortiz.

ARGENTINA: Sanzotti, Arruabarrena, Lombardi, Rivero (Castellani 57m), Chaile, Husain, Oliveri, Zapata, Comelles, Azconzabal, Akselman (Gallardo 68m).

SCORER: Pardo 23m for Spain.

YELLOW CARDS: Ortega and Gutierrez for Spain.

REFEREE: Jan Damgaard (Denmark).

Ghana v Qatar 0-0 (4-2p)

GHANA needed a shoot-out to dispose of tenacious Qatar, which went close to again qualifying for a youth world final (they shocked everyone to reach the Under 20 final in Australia in 1981).

Ghana, however, were the classier side and even if they had to resort to the lottery of penalty kicks, they did not usurp their spot in the final.

Goalkeeper Owu was Ghana's hero in the shoot-out, saving Qatar's second and fourth penalties from Al-Mazroei and Al-Shafi.

Anderlecht superstar Nii Lamptey did not score this time, but again was amongst Ghana's best players although Man of the Match honours went to team-mate Emmanuel Duah.

GHANA: Owu, Barnes, Kuffour, Nimo, Cargo, Preko, Lamptey, Brown (Essien 57m), Opuku (Addo 50m), Duah, Mbeah.

QATAR: Al-Rumaihi, Al-Tamimi, Al-Mazroei, Al-Kuvari, Al-Boloushi, Al-Shafi, Al-Ali, Al-Bedaid, Salem, Al-Kuwari, Al-Naimi (Al-Vadanni 73m).

YELLOW CARDS: Al-Mazroei, Al-Shafi, Al-Ali for Qatar; Nimo, Preko for Ghana.

REFEREE: Fabio Baldas (Italy).

No problems!

THE success of the Australian Youth soccer teams at this year's world championships has created new problems for future national teams.

Assistant national coach Raul Blanco says other countries are now paying respect to Australia after the Young Socceroos reached the semi-finals of the world

COACH Les Scheinflug is "guarding the door" to keep talent scouts at bay following Australia's strong showing at the world under 17 championships in Italy.

The Joeys fell 2-1 to Argentina in the quarter finals, but impressed European observers with their poise and potential.

"I've warned them not to come near my boys but now we are out they are circling," Scheinflug said before the squad left Italy.

At least four of the

Australians are being eyed by bargain-hunting professional agents.

"There is little doubt Anthony Carbone, Paul Dee, Craig Moore and Alex Kiratzoglou will make it overseas," Scheinflug said.

But Scheinflug will be urging the teenagers to bide their time in Australia.

"I think it's best for them if they wait until they are about 21," he said.

The Joeys' quarter-final berth follows Australia's fourth placing in the World Youth Championships in Portugal in June.

"There's little doubt the world is taking notice of Australian soccer," said Scheinflug, whose coaching partnership with Raul Blanco is a key to the success of both young sides.

"We showed here again we are as good as everyone else. And like every Australian side, we just don't give up."

"We give it everything."

Scheinflug said his young charges were "all in tears" after their quarter-final loss.

"But they learned from the experience and covered themselves in glory," he

said.

"We had our chances against Argentina and we went very close."

"I think they were perhaps just a little street wise for us."

"They slowed things down, upset our rhythm."

Scheinflug rates 15-year-old Queensland sweeper Craig Moore as one of the very best Joeys over their four games in Italy.

The youngest member of the team, he too will be too old when the next under 17 world titles come along in 1993 in Japan — and he might be a bit tender for the Young Socceroos when the under 20 world championships are held in Australia that same year.

Scheinflug was also impressed, as I was, with defender Paul Dee.

He believes Dee, midfielders Fabio Macolino and Tony Carbone, the Joeys' captain, and striker Alex Kiratzoglou are big chances to make the 1993 Young Socceroo squad.

Only one Young Socceroo from this year's semifinalists in Portugal, Kevin Muscat, will be young enough to also compete next time.

SOUTH AMERICA

with Mario Etchart

It's all change in Brazil as Falcao goes

GOODBYE Falcao, welcome Ernesto Paulo!

Paulo Roberto Falcao has been sacked as coach of the Brazilian national team following a disagreement with the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF).

Falcao was fired from his first coaching job a year after taking over from Sebastiao Lazzaroni because he refused to accept changes in the way the squad was being run, CBF director Jorge Salgado told a news conference.

"There was some resistance and because of the divergences we concluded we would have to opt for a new trainer," Salgado said.

Salgado would not say what the proposed changes were. Falcao was not immediately available for comment.

Brazilian reporters who covered the national team during the last Copa America said Falcao was upset because the CBF did not renew the contracts of his physiotherapist and press spokesman.

Falcao, a former World Cup midfielder star, has been constantly

under fire for his team's poor performances.

Brazil won five and drew seven of their 15 full international matches under him, more than 50 players were been used.

He was severely criticised for Brazil's performances in the July South American championship, when his team finished second.

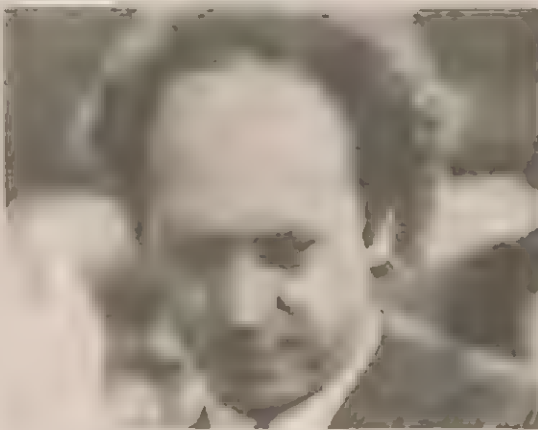
Brazil's next match is a friendly against Wales in Cardiff on September 11.

Falcao is the latest to succumb to one of sport's toughest jobs. His predecessor Sebastiao Lazzaroni was forced to lock himself in his flat for six days after Brazil was knocked out in the second round of last year's World Cup, when they lost 1-0 against arch rivals Argentina.

Tele Santana, another predecessor, had his flat stoned after Brazil was eliminated from the 1982 World Cup.

So the "new boy in town", Ernesto Paulo, won't have an easy task ahead of him.

Botafogo's coach Ernesto Paulo became the new selector ... or the new victim of Brazilian soccer. One wonders how long he is going to



FALCAO

last.

CBF president Ricardo Texeira announced that Ernesto Paulo will be in charge of the national team during the match against Wales and until the South American qualifying rounds for the 1992 Olympic Games. Only two teams will qualify and the Pre-Olympic tournament will be held in Paraguay next February.

In his first press conference Paulo announced he will include Careca, Romario, Taffarel, Mozer, Branco, Jorginho and Julio Cesar in the Brazilian squad to face Wales. He also will include members of the

Youth World Cup team.

According to Brazilian experts, Paulo is considered as a coach with "original ideas" some of them acquired during his career as a player during the 60s when he played for several Brazilian clubs.

At 37, after coaching successfully Fluminense, Flamengo and Botafogo, Paulo could be defined as the antithesis of Falcao. He doesn't possess a refined style, he doesn't wear expensive clothes and he doesn't like to talk to the press.

His ideas about how the game should be played are considered "elementary." Like Tele San-

tana, he much prefers an offensive game.

Who knows ... he may succeed even in such a turmoil.

URUGUAY's coach Luis Cubilla, has included four overseas based players in the Uruguayan squad for the friendly international against Spain to be played tomorrow, Wednesday, in Oviedo, Spain.

Midfielder Santiago Ostolaza from Mexican club Cruz Azul, San Lorenzo's midfielder Gustavo Matosas and strikers Daniel Fonseca and Peter Mendez, both playing in Italy, are the new Cubilla recruits.

Cubilla, who was severely criticised for not including overseas based players like Francescoli, Fonseca, Aguilera and Gutierrez in his last Copa America squad, named Fonseca amongst the "foreigners" for the Spain match.

But the star striker may not make himself available even although he risks being suspended by FIFA for disobeying an order.

The Uruguayan team is the following:

Goalkeepers: Fernando Alvez and Daniel Rocco

Defenders: Daniel Revez, Ever Moas, Hector Rodriguez, Jose Pin-tos Saldanha, Ruben Do Santos and Fernando Rosa.

Midfielders: Marcelo Fracchia, Alvaro Gutierrez, Henry Lopez Baez, Nestor Cedres, Santiago Ostolaza and Gustavo Matosas.

Strikers: Rafael Aguerre, William Castro, Sergio Martinez, Peter Mendez and Daniel Fonseca.

Cubilla, once again, ignored Francescoli, Ruben Sosa, Aguilera and Herrera, all playing in Italy.

Glamour club, Universidad Catolica is the new leader in the Chilean national league after its 2-0 victory over Deportes La Serena.

Catolica is the league's highest scoring team with 31 goals in 13 encounters.

Coquimbo Unido, the previous leader, lost 3-0 away against Deportes Antofagasta while the current Libertadores Cup champion Colo

Colo beat Palestino 1-0 with a goal scored by midfielder Jaime Pizarro.

In other matches, Everton and Santiago Wanderers drew 0-0, Osorno and Cobresal also drew and Fernandez Vial defeated Union Espanola 1-0.

Universidad Catolica leads the competition with 19 points, followed by Coquimbo and Antofagasta with 18, Concepcion and Colo Colo with 16.

In Colombia, Bucaramanga, after its 1-0 victory over Tolima, leads the National League followed by Millonarios.

The "Millionaires" lost 4-0 to Junior, while Medellin beat Deportivo Cali 2-1. Caldas won 3-2 against Union Magdalena, America had to work hard to score a 1-0 victory over Quindio, ex-Libertadores Cup champion Atletico Nacional went 2-1 down against Santa Fe and Pereira was three goals better than Sporting.

Bucaramanga leads with 28 points followed by Millonarios with 27, Junior with 25, America 24 and Santa Fe and Medellin 23 each.

TITLE RACE IS WIDE OPEN IN BELGIUM

FC Brugge, weakened without Australian Frank Farina, wants to prove it is one of Belgium's mightiest clubs this season.



The former FC Liege trio of Danny Boffin, Jean-Marie Houben and Jean-Francois de Sart salute their new Anderlecht fans.

Brugge, champions in 1987-88 and 1989-90, have replaced coach Georges Leekens with Hugo Broos from RWD Molenbeek.

Other new blood the club has brought in this season include Marc Schaessens from Standard Liege, Stephane van der Heyden from Beerschot, Polish striker Tomas Dziubinski from Wisla Krakow,

and, of course, young Aussies Paul Okon and Lorenz Kindtner.

Dziubinski has a tough act to follow though in Australian marksman Frank Farina, now at Italian big-spenders Bari.

Anderlecht, after three seasons of failure, will be seeking to keep its Belgian league title won in 1990/91 when the club finished three

points clear of Mechelen.

Since then, the Brussels club have been busy in the transfer market.

To keep in step with new European regulations which allow only three foreigners in a side, Anderlecht, who sometimes played with nine last season, have been forced to clean the slate.

Out went Sweden's Paer Zeterberg (to Charleroi), Dutchmen Adri Van Tiggelen (PSV Eindhoven) and John van Loen (Ajax), Finland's Kari Ukkonen (Antwerp) and Nigerian Stephen Keshi (Strasbourg, France).

In came a trio of internationals from FC Liege: Danny Boffin, Jean-Marie Houben and Jean-Francois de Sart, plus one more foreigner in the talented Dutchman Johnny Bosman from PSV Eindhoven.

The cost of its new Van Den Stock Stadium also kept Anderlecht away from any big-name signings, which is good news for the club's challengers.

The best of the rest are Mechelen, champions in 1988-89 and European Cup Winners' Cup holders in 1987-88, now trained by FC Bruges import Leekens.

Young Soccerroo Zlatko Arambasic is expected to finally get a run at Mechelen this season after being the reserves' leading scorer last season.



MARC VAN DER LINDEN — left Anderlecht during the off-season to join Ghent, the surprise achievers of the 1990/91 Belgian First Division.

CABRINI RETIRES

ANTONIO Cabrini, the only man to miss a World Cup Final penalty when he played for Italy against West Germany in 1982, has retired.

But Cabrini (once voted Italy's Most Handsome Footballer!) is staying in the game as general manager of relegated Bologna.

In a 15-year First Division career he scored 35 goals in 344 League games, mostly with Juventus.

He also collected winners' medals in every possible club competition: the World Club Cup, European Cup, Cup-Winners' Cup, UEFA Cup, Supercup, Italian League and Italian Cup.



Antonio Cabrini during his triumphant 1982 World Cup for Italy.

Brazil's Falcao gets the boot!

PAULO Roberto Falcao has been sacked as coach of the Brazil national team following a disagreement with the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF).

Falcao was fired from his first coaching job a year after taking over because he refused to accept changes in the way the team was run.

Brazilian reporters who cover the national

team said Falcao was upset because the CBF did not renew the contracts of his physiotherapist and press spokesman.

STEEP EURO-92 TICKET PRICES NO DETERRENT

BY LARS FOYEN OF REUTERS

SWEDISH fans were undeterred by high prices when tickets for next year's European championship finals went on sale.

Nine thousand of the 230,000 tickets available to the Swedish public were picked up in the first four hours of sales at the stadiums in Stockholm, Gothenburg, Malmo and Norrkoping where championship games will be played.

"We've had some beers but there hasn't been any trouble," said Joakim Sjoborg, one of some 500 singing fans who spent the night queuing outside the Rasunda stadium in Stockholm.

Tickets for the eight-nation event from June 10 to 26 are sold in packages of three for the preliminary round, with each package giving the owner the right to buy one ticket for a semifinal game or the final.

Prices range from \$US17 (\$A21.81) to \$US75 (\$A96) for each



preliminary round game and from \$US20 (\$A25.65) to \$US95 (\$A121.86) for the final.

The buyer can select any three games for each package, regardless of venue.

One buyer is allowed a maximum of four packages.

A middle-aged fan, Lennart Ellenfors, said he had been a spectator at the 1958 World Cup in Sweden when Brazil

became world champions for the first time and was prepared to pay whatever it cost to witness the return of big-time soccer.

"I paid a couple of kids to queue for me during the night.

"They will get one ticket each for the trouble," said Ellenfors, adding that he was planning to buy 16 tickets at a total price of about \$US1,000 (\$A1,282).

The Swedish Soccer Association, which expects to sell most of the 230,000 tickets this week, has rejected media criticism of the price levels.

Soccer officials note that tickets to the 1990 World Cup in Italy cost between \$US13 (\$A16.68) and \$US170 (\$A218.06).

They also say Sweden must compensate for its small stadiums which have capacities ranging from 22,000 to 40,000.

Tickets for foreign fans will be sold through the national soccer associations of the participating countries after the championship draw on January 17 next year.

For the semifinals and final, 70 per cent of tickets have been reserved for Swedish fans.

CARDIFF IS A PIONEER



CARDIFF City has become the first British football club to base the price of its tickets on the side's performance.

The Fourth Division team known as the Bluebirds set a price of \$6.50 for the best seats for the club's first home match against Lincoln City — a reduction of about \$1.80 from last season.

But the price will rise to \$8.65 if the team goes higher than eighth in the division and \$10.80 if it achieves better than fourth.

The chairman says he'd rather have 8,000 people paying half price than 4,000 paying the full amount.

STEVEN SET TO SERVICE MARSEILLE SHARP-SHOOTERS



TREVOR STEVEN

MARSEILLE's \$11 million signing Trevor Steven sees his job at the French champions as providing the bullets for sharpshooters Jean-Pierre Papin and Abedi Pele.

FRANCE IS FAVoured

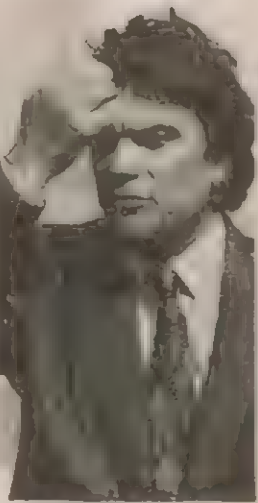
FRANCE have emerged as favourites to land the 1998 World Cup finals after England withdrew its bid.

World soccer chiefs will meet in June next year to choose between France, Brazil, Switzerland, Portugal, Morocco and India as the 1998 venue.



MICHEL PLATINI — his French national team will clinch a berth at Euro-92 if it gets a point off Czechoslovakia tomorrow (Wednesday) in Bratislava.

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BERNARD TAPIE

"My job will be to give them the ball in goal-scoring situations," he said after arriving from Glasgow.

"It's a tremendous challenge but I'm looking forward to it," added the former Rangers midfielder.

"I do my job for the team. I'm not a showman."

Steven was met by Marseille's other England international Chris Waddle.

"He's going to do a great job for us," Waddle said.

"And at last I'm going to have someone who understands me."

The two men both come from the north east corner of England.

Waddle is from

Gateshead and Steven, who asked for a villa next to Waddle's in Provence to help him settle in, is from Berwick on the Scottish border.

Steven said negotiations had gone on for two months.

"I am glad we made the transfer deadline and I can play in the European Champions' Cup," he said.

Millionaire president Bernard Tapie signed Steven a few hours before the deadline for players to compete in Europe.

Rangers, Scottish champions for the past three seasons, had already moved to replace Steven by recruiting Scottish international Stuart McCall from Everton for \$2.6 million.

Marseille, who lost out on penalties to Red Star Belgrade in last season's European Champions' Cup final, had tried to secure Steven's signature earlier, but the deal collapsed because of a dispute over the method of payment.

Rangers manager Walter Smith described the Marseille offer as "a deal we really couldn't refuse."

"Naturally we are sorry to see him go but Marseille made it clear they wanted him."

"At the kind of money they offered, circumstances dictate that we couldn't turn it down," he added.

HUGO REJECTS MEXICAN OFFER

HUGO Sanchez has said "no" to new Mexican coach Luis Carlos Menotti's request that he be available for selection is his native country's national team.

Sanchez is a big fan of the former Argentinian supremo, but he is adamant he will never play for Mexico as long as Federation president Ibarra and technical director Maurer are at the helm.

Sanchez had an unholy row with both officials the last time he played for Mexico — at

the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico.

The veteran striker, who surprised everyone by re-signing for Real Madrid, is still undergoing physiotherapy after knee surgery and expects to start training by mid-September.

Real Madrid coach Antic has told local reporters he personally does not believe that Sanchez can make a full recovery and claims it would take a miracle for the legendary goalscorer machine to make it back into Madrid's starting line-up in 1991-92.

CROATIAN LEAGUE

THE Croatian Soccer Federation has announced that it would field a 10-team First Division and two 12-club Second Division competitions this season now that it has broken away from the Yugoslav Federation.

The new First Division consists of HASK Gradjanski (ex-Dinamo Zagreb), Hajduk Split, Osijek, Rijeka, Zagreb, Sibenik, Cibalia, Zadar, GOSK Jug and INKER Zapresic.

Following the recent decision by the Yugoslav Federation to disenfranchise Croatian players from competing in the national team, there is some doubt whether UEFA will allow Gradjanski and Hajduk to compete in Europe this season.

UEFA last week refused to grant membership to Croatia, saying it only recognises national federations.



ZVONIMIR BOBAN — his former club, Gradjanski/ex-Dinamo Zagreb is in the new Croatian League.

Around the globe

Compiled by LOU GAUTIER



♦ Vassilis Karapialis, Larissa's midfielder, has joined Olympiakos, which have also signed defenders Vlahos from Apollon and Mihos from Panionios during the Greek off-season.

♦ Espanol of Barcelona have signed Argentine international striker Alejandro Alfaro Moreno, seen in Australia in the 1988 Bicentennial Gold Cup, from Independiente Avellaneda.

♦ Soviet league leaders CSKA Moscow have signed 29-year-old former Torpedo Moscow goalkeeper Dimiri Kharin to replace their regular goalie, Eremin, tragically killed in a car accident two months ago.

♦ Servette Geneva of Switzerland will be fielding Soviet star Igor Dobrovolsky this season — on loan from Genoa after spending six months with Castellon in Spain last season. Servette have also signed the Dane Miklos Molnar, from Standard Liege.

♦ Brazil's Youth World Cup striker Elber has been loaned out for one season by his new club, AC Milan, to Grasshoppers Zurich of Switzerland. Elber originally was due to be lent to French club Caen.

♦ French and Austrian referees have been told by their respective federations to be very tough this season. Obviously, the whistlers have complied. After five rounds in France, 14 players had been sent off and in Austria, after three rounds, 11 players took early showers.

♦ England national team manager Graham Taylor spent two days in Alaska conducting a clinic for coaches on behalf of the US Soccer Federation. Alaska, the 50th American state, has 3,000 soccer players.

♦ Adrie van Tiggelen, PSV Eindhoven's new recruit from Anderlecht, will not play for his Dutch side until at least early October. He suffered a right foot injury after a training session in Eindhoven.

♦ Argentina have finally declined to stage the next Copa America — which is now being sought by Uruguay, Ecuador and Bolivia. The next South American Championship will be in 1993.

♦ Valery Nepomniaci, the Soviet coach who led Cameroun at Italia '90, has moved to Turkey to coach the youth teams of First Division club Ankaragucu. Nepomniaci had a brief stint as coach of the Chinese under 20 and 17 national sides earlier this year.

♦ Anton Polster, the crack Austrian goalgetter, has been transferred from Sevilla to another Spanish First Division side, Logrones. The former FK Austria and Torino striker has signed for two seasons.

♦ Hungarian national team stopper Zsolt Limperger has gone to Spain's Division One Burgos this season. The 23-year-old Ferencvaros defender, with 25 caps to his credit, is joining a defence which conceded the least goals of any team in last season's competition — 27.

♦ European champions Red Star Belgrade have lost three starters from last season's triumphant team. Robert Prosinecki has gone to Real Madrid, Rafik Sabanadzovic to AEK in Greece and goalkeeper Stevan Stojanovic is now at Antwerp in Belgium. Red Star have also lost their coach, Ljubomir Petrovic, who has joined Espanol, in Barcelona, Spain.

♦ The new German season is proving a hit with the crowds — 900,000 fans turned out to watch the Bundesliga's first three rounds — the best gates since 1977.

♦ Tiny Iceland, nestled in the north Atlantic Ocean also has several foreign players in its First Division and, of course, as always Yugoslavs are the most numerous, with five players from that country. There are also two Czechoslovaks, two Poles, a Norwegian and one player from, wait for it, Greenland!

♦ Hungarian international Jozsef Szalma has been transferred from his local club Tatabanya to Dutch side Fortuna Sittard, which also bought Marco Boogers from Belgian club RKC Waalwijk.

♦ Peter Nvlotu, the 18-year-old Zimbabwean striker, has been signed by Coventry City, Nvlotu, despite his country's early exit in the African Nations' Cup, is rated as one of the most exciting young talents in Africa.

♦ German legend Gunter Netzer has taken over as coach of newly promoted Schalke, 04, the team from Gelsenkirchen in the Bundesliga. Netzer was one of Germany's best players in the 70s.

NO SALE!

FEYENOORD manager Wim Jansen has made it categorically clear that stopper Henk Fraser is not available for sale.

That announcement has disappointed a number of foreign managers, including

Sunderland's Denis Smith and Belgium Clubs Ghent and Cercle Brugge.



ABOVE — Brilliant Dutch international Johnny Bosman. The experienced campaigner has left Holland after stints with Ajax and PSV to join coach Aad de Mos at crack Belgian side Anderlecht. **BELOW** — Talented young French striker David Ginola is at the centre of a big row between his club Brest, now in Second Division, and Paris St-Germain, who are desperately chasing him.



DOMED USA STADIUMS?

COULD the 1994 World Cup be headed indoors?

The possibility certainly exists because three domed stadia, the Pontiac Silverdome, New Orleans Superdome and Houston Astrodome, are among those bidding to stage games, and World Cup Organising Committee officials are quite willing to consider them as serious candidates.

"It (a domed stadium) presents the possibility for America to put its stamp on a World Cup by being the first country to ever play indoors," said Ross Berlin, the committee's vice-president for venues.

"We've got an obstacle to overcome however, and that is proving that we can place natural grass indoors and that it will remain healthy throughout the length of the competition."

The domed stadiums would have temporary fields placed over their artificial surfaces.

"We believe we have the ingredients for a tremendously strong bid," said Roger Faulkner, a member of the Michigan Bid Committee.

The Silverdome is seeking the right to hold six of 52 World Cup games — four opening-round matches, one second-round match and one quarterfinal.

The Superdome is bidding for first and second-round games and a semifinal, while the Astrodome bid to play host to first-round games.

NO TESTS, PLEASE WE'RE ENGLISH!

ENGLISH players are heading for confrontation with the Football Association by refusing mandatory drug tests this season.

Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, has written to PFA delegates at all 93 league clubs instructing them to tell members not to take part in the new tests.

Taylor says the Football Association's decision to introduce mandatory testing this season has been taken arbitrarily without consultation.

Association spokesman David Bloomfield says there'll be mandatory testing next week and refusal to take part is a breach of FA rules.

Latorre is snubbed!

ITALIAN club Fiorentina have sent Argentine star Diego Latorre back to Boca Juniors.

He is still their player, but Fiorentina have decided to use his club and national teammate Daniel Batistuta instead.

Originally, Latorre was to have played for the club this season while Batistuta had been pre-signed for 1992/93.

However, Latorre's mediocre displays at the recent Copa America, coupled with Bati-

stuta's six goals for champions Argentina in Chile changed the mind of Italian president Paolo De Crescenzo.

So Latorre, who was perhaps prematurely hailed as the "new Maradona", will have to cool his heels another year in Argentina — to the delight of Boca fans, who still consider him a hero and their favourite player.



Daniel Batistuta scoring one of the goals that made him top "goleador" of the 1991 Copa America.

CHESS WIZARD

SIMEN / Agdestein must be one of the world's most bizarrely gifted sportsmen — he's a soccer professional and chess grandmaster.

The striker, capped six times by Norway, held former world champion Anatoly Karpov to a 2-2 draw this month.

Agdestein, with Norwegian First Division side Lyn, has a clause in his club contract allowing him time off to play chess.

"It's very difficult to do both sports," he said. "Football training takes so much time."

At present, Agdestein's soccer career is in check. He tore ligaments in his right knee in May and the injury could keep him out until the end of the year.

But it does give him more time for his other pursuit at which he is ranked about 30 in the world.

The youngest grandmaster ever at 18, Agdestein, now 24,

took a shock first game lead against Karpov after racing a pawn to the end of the board to create a new queen. He lost the second and drew the last two.

Norway's soccer coach Egil Olsen rates Agdestein highly.

"He's very aggressive, penetrative and unpredictable in his play. I want him back," he said.

Agdestein said he was more nervous before he faced world champion Garry Kasparov than his 1988 international soccer debut against Italy.

"I've played against Kasparov three times and lost all of them. I was so nervous that I played badly."

"It was never my ambition to do both chess and football," Agdestein said. "It was just fun."



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CLOUGH LENDS LEE TO LUTON



LEE GLOVER is set to join Luton as part of Nottingham Forest's £1.5 million capture of Kingsley Black last weekend.

But the deal will only be a loan — and a goodwill gesture by Forest boss Brian Clough to friend David Pleat.

The Luton manager took Glover for a five-match spell while in charge at Leicester and knows what the 21-year-old winger can do for the club.

But Pleat cannot afford to buy Glover. He'll be given just £700,000 of the Black money to spend.

Glover, who played in Forest's FA Cup Final side last season, would cost nearly all that — and Pleat is looking for at least three players.

Trouble

Leeds utility man Chris Kamara could be one of his targets.

Garry Parker and Ian Woan, two more of Forest's Final side, are unhappy at being dropped.

Clough says: "I've told them both to go away and prove they are good enough to go back into the team. It's as simple as that."

Notts County have persuaded England under-21 stars Tommy Johnson and Mark Dra-

per to sign new contracts for three years.

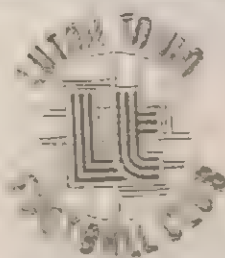
Vinny Jones has almost certainly talked himself into more trouble with the FA.

Jones made his Chelsea debut against Luton last weekend after a £575,000 move from Sheffield United.

On radio before the game, the former Wimbledon star said: "I haven't played against Chelsea this year."

"But obviously we've got a few people in the team who are tough characters and not a bad side if a punch-up went off in the tunnel."

Jones's comments come days after he was charged with bringing the game into disrepute after a bust-up with West Ham's Mitchell Thomas in the Bramall Lane tunnel.



He claims the incident was just a joke with his pal Thomas.

Bristol City striker Nicky Morgan could be on the way out of Ashton Gate.

Morgan was City's top scorer last season. But he has been forced out by the partnership of Wayne Allison and Bob Taylor.

Kelly: Con men must clean up

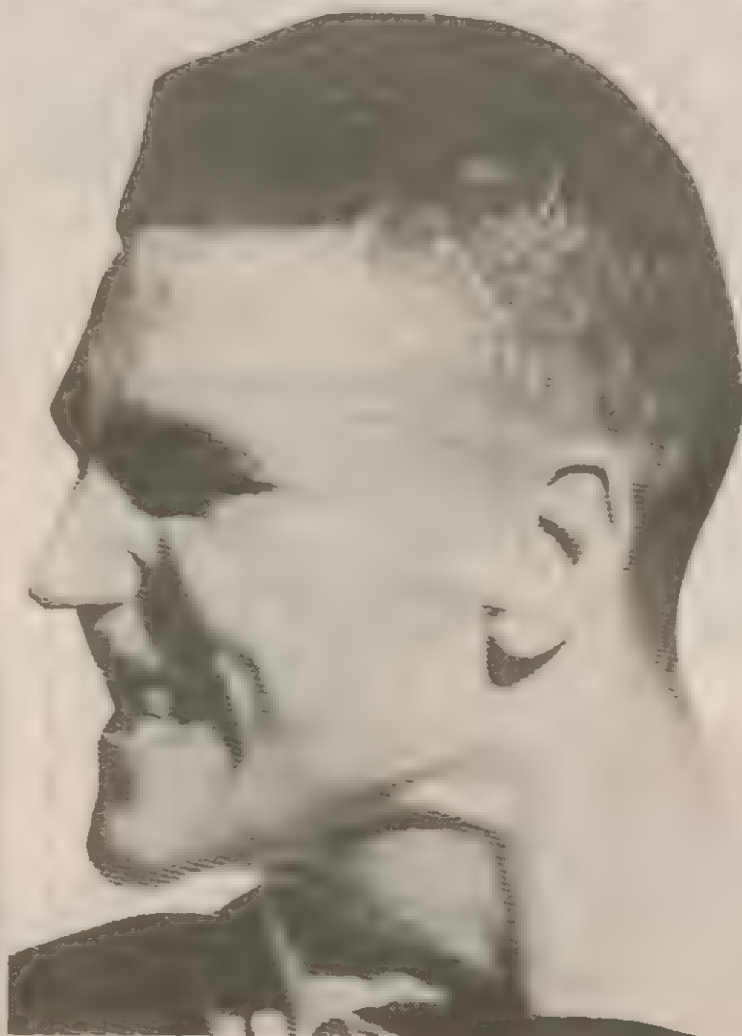
FA secretary Graham Kelly is hopeful that the alarming number of sendings off this season will soon dry up.

"I'm confident the players will start to get the message," says hard-liner Kelly.

"The examples they have seen on TV, of players dismissed for pointless fouls and handling, should convince even the most reckless of the inevitable consequences."

"The fact is that the rule which has led to an increase in players being sent off reflects the modern cut-throat approach to football."

"It started in the mid-sixties when managers and coaches started to extract every possible advantage within the laws of the game — in other words, gamesmanship."



VINNY JONES

But, is it legal?

THE English football league must carry on playing "illegally" while their administrators attempt to settle their growing dispute over a break-away super league, a court ruled last week.

Twenty-five First and Second Division Football League clubs went to the High Court last Friday in a bid to force the League to ask the Football Association to sanction this year's championship.

The FA is refusing to license the 1991/92 championship while the

League insists on applying a rule which says clubs must give three seasons' notice to quit the championship.

The 25 clubs are most likely to be those tempted by the much vaunted Super League.

But the case was adjourned by agreement until October 2, or earlier if an extraordinary general meeting of the Football League on September 10 changes the disputed rule 11 on membership.

John Dyson QC, for the FA, said that although it was "very concerned" about the League being run without sanction, it would not take

any steps until after the September 10 meeting.

The High Court recently gave the FA the go-ahead to set up a Premier League, which it plans to launch in two seasons despite opposition from the Football League.

The September 10 meeting is expected to determine whether or not the League will pursue an appeal against that ruling.

Rick Parry, chairman of the first division clubs group, said after the latest hearing that clubs were very concerned by the fact they were playing "illegal football".

PEARCE IS OUT!

ENGLAND defender Stuart Pearce will not get a chance to make amends for the missed penalty kick that put England out of last year's World Cup semifinal.

The Football Association said last Thursday Pearce was one of three players who would not play in a friendly against world champions Germany this month because of league suspensions.

FA spokesman David Bloomfield said Nottingham Forest's Pearce, Liverpool's Steve McMahon and Crystal Palace goalkeeper Nigel Martyn were ruled out of the World Cup semifinal rematch at Wembley on September 11 after being sent off in recent league matches.

FA rules bar suspended players from playing friendlies.

"As far as I am aware no other country does this, but we are particularly vigilant here," Bloomfield said.

CHAIRMAN MOORES

LIVERPOOL have announced last week that multi-millionaire David Moores had been elected chairman in place of Noel White who had resigned.

It gave no reason for White's resignation, which was unexpected.

Lifelong Liverpool supporter Moores, 46, joined the Anfield board in March last year.

Tragic Knowles a sad loss

FORMER Spurs and England star Cyril Knowles died last weekend after a long illness.

Knowles, 47, the subject of the famous football song 'Nice One Cyril,' underwent brain surgery three times in recent months for what doctors initially feared was a brain tumour.

Knowles made more than 400 League appearances at White Hart Lane from 1964-75.

He was boss at Darlington and Torquay before taking over at Hartlepool and winning them promotion to the Third Division. The illness forced him to resign in March.

Many Hartlepool players were in tears after being told before last weekend's game with Bradford City.

Hartlepool chairman Garry Gibson said: "It is a stunning blow for everyone in football."

Knowles leaves a wife, Betty, and two sons.

Manchester City boss Peter Reid is trying to sign Russian striker Igor Kolyanov.

City had Kolyanov, who plays for Italian club Foggia, watched last week, and Reid confirmed: "I'll be speaking to the people involved in the next few days."

I'LL MAKE MY MARK!

Says TONY CASCARINO

Celtic new boy bids to follow Hateley

OLD FIRM debut boy Tony Cascarino went into the weekend's clash looking for his first Celtic goal — and aiming to copy Mark Hateley.

The £1.1 million striker admires both Hateley's style and the way he's won over the sceptical Ibrox fans.

Says Tony: "If you battle away in life, you can force your way into things."

"Having seen a few of Mark's performances this season on TV, I'm not surprised the Rangers' fans have taken to him. He's playing great and he's probably Rangers' first-choice front man. This time last year Ally McCoist and Mo Johnston were the top men."

"He's made things happen for himself — and I'm a great admirer of that type of person."

Cascarino has been a quick hit with the Parkhead fans but insists his strong-man tag is unfair.

"That's something Teddy Sheringham and me picked up at Millwall," he says.

"All I can say in our defence is that he's had a £2 million move and I've had two £1 million



TONY CASCARINO

transfers since then so we must be able to do more than stand in the middle waiting for high balls."

Cascarino's two big-money moves are a world away from the fee Gillingham paid Kent League side Crockenhill for his signature — a set of tracksuits!

Cascarino's goalless start to his Scottish

career follows an unhappy spell with Aston Villa.

"Graham Taylor bought me and within six weeks he was off to the England job," recalls the former trainee hairdresser. "The new boss, Josef Venglos, had a more Continental approach and openly admitted I wasn't his type of player

"When I did play, I was on my own up front — a role I wasn't used to and didn't like."

"Even so, I still scored 10 goals and I'm not sorry I went there."

"I haven't scored in Scotland yet, but I've only had two and a half games. I've gone 10 games without scoring in the past, I'm pleased with my form because I've created a lot of goals. I'll worry when I'm missing chances and we're losing games."

The striker, who was Liam Brady's first signing in July, had a hand account of what to expect from the Glasgow derby when he met his old Millwall mate Terry Hurlock for a beer last week.

Iron-man Hurlock was one of four players sent off on his last visit to Parkhead — in last March's Scottish Cup tie — so he knows all about Old Firm rivalry.

"I look forward to hearing what Terry had to say about it," said the 28-year-old striker.

"Whatever people in Scotland may think, Terry's a nice lad. Mind you, I wouldn't like to be tackled by him."

"He's nearly 14 stone and about half my height, so you can imagine the power he puts in."



MARK HATELEY

The man Cascarino had to beat was another Old Firm new boy, Andy Gorm.

But after 15 Scotland appearances and four seasons of Edinburgh derbies he's no stranger to the big occasion.

"I'm told even guys who've been playing in Old Firm games for years still get nervous before them," he says.

"But it is an occasion to be savoured rather than worried about."

"I like Parkhead, because there's some distance between the crowd and the goals."

"At Ibrox, you can hear every word — in midweek even the tiny knot of Queen's Park supporters behind me were having a go!"

One person who didn't want a ticket for Andy's Old Firm debut is wife Tracey.

She's due to give birth to the couple's first child on September 8.

The dad-to-be admits: "I couldn't stand to have her there. Every time the stretcher bearers moved I'd fear the worst!"

CELTIC BOSS Liam Brady has told £925,000 capture Gary Gillespie: It's time you increase your tiny total of Scottish caps.

Gillespie, who joined Celtic from Liverpool last month after 13 seasons south of the border, has won just 13 full caps.

But the 31-year-old defender is lined up for No.14 when Andy Roxburgh names his squad this week for the European Championship cruncher against Switzerland on Wednesday week.

And Brady says: "Gary hasn't had many international appearances, considering the years he's been in the game. That was one of the points we spoke about during the negotiations to bring him home to Scotland."

"I hope he's going to pick up a lot more now he's a Celtic player."

13 It's time Gillespie won a lot more caps — Brady

Gillespie got his first call-up as an Ally MacLeod discovery way back in February 1978, when he was still at Falkirk.

In the same Under-21 squad for a match against Wales at Chester was another Scotland recruit, Alex McLeish. But while the Aberdeen man has gone on to win 76 full caps, Gillespie's international career has stuttered along.

Gillespie says: "We first played together against the USA later that year. But Alex's career took off while mine didn't. A big fac-

tor was that he has played in the Premier League all the time.

Fortunes

"But my fortunes took a different turn when I moved to Coventry and became one of the Scots who soldiered on unnoticed in England."

"There was less chance of being picked then if you played for one of the less fashionable sides."

"But coming back to Scotland won't do me any harm. Playing for Celtic will put me bang in the public eye. Right

or wrong, that's what counts."

"What will also help me is playing in European club football. I missed out on that with Liverpool, playing only three European ties."

"I know I'll be a better player at international level from the experience of playing in Europe."

Gillespie had to wait until 1987 for his first full cap against Belgium.

But last year's club v country row between Roxburgh and ex-Liverpool boss Kenny Dalglish left him fearing he'd had his last.

Dalglish controversially withdrew him, along with clubmate Steve Nicol, from the Scotland squad's four-day trip to Genoa four months before the World Cup.

Worried

And when the Anfield pair were pulled

out, Roxy fumed: "If they aren't available to us then we won't be available to them."

Gillespie admits: "I was very worried, I had visions of my Scotland career being all washed up there and then."

"I could see both points of view. I was suffering from a knock and Liverpool wanted nothing to jeopardise my being fit for the following Saturday."

"At the same time Andy Roxburgh needed a settled squad."

"It's history now, but at the time it left me very fearful about my Scotland future."

But Gillespie doesn't regard his 13 caps in 13 years as unlucky.

"If I'd been capped for Scotland only once, I'd still look back on it as my proudest day in football."

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ABSW BEST FOR SOCCER ACTION

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£22m



Gazza (left) takes a tumble — his successes have turned world football on its head.

PAUL GASCOIGNE will wear Newcastle's famous black and white stripes again.

That's the tip from the man whose judgement is usually spot on — Peter Kirkley, the scout who first recommended Gazza to Newcastle 12 years ago.

Kirkley is soccer's £22 million man — that's the staggering sum his players have cost in transfer deals.

He's been Newcastle's youth development officer for the last eight years of a career in which he's made more discoveries than Christopher Columbus.

His list of signings, finds and recommendations includes superstars Trevor Steven, Peter Beardsley and Gascoigne.

Injury

England midfielder Gazza will complete his £5.5m move from Spurs to Lazio when he recovers from his Cup Final knee injury. That makes him a £7.5m man, after his move from Newcastle to White Hart Lane.

Steven's move to Marseille from Rangers takes his transfer fees to almost £7m, and Beardsley's a £4m player after his latest switch from Liverpool to Everton.

They are all still close to 49-year-old Kirkley, rated the best scout in the world by Gazza.

To prove it, he sent Peter one of his England shirts, bearing an inscription to that effect.

The pair could be reunited on Tyneside before Gascoigne's colourful, controversial career is over.

Kirkley says: "I was with Paul recently in Portugal, where he was recovering after his knee operation.

KIRKLEY GOLDEN TOUCH IS WORTH A FORTUNE

"I was at the World Youth Championships because we had two players in the England squad — Stephen Watson and Lee Clark — and I spent a day with Gazza.

"He was very cheerful because his recovery was going so well. He's determined to make a success of his move to Italy.

"And he'd love to play for Newcastle again one day. I believe

he's very determined about that. All Geordie lads have a passion to come back to Newcastle."

Kirkley, "just a boys' club footballer" himself, remembers Gazza as a slow, chubby 12-year-old — but with dazzling skill. The late Brian Watson was Newcastle's youth development officer at the time.

"I was part-time — and he sent me to watch another lad at Gateshead Boys under-13 trials.

"Gazza took my eye even before the game had started, with his ball juggling in the pre-match kickabout.

"I decided to keep an eye on him. He also showed in a match situation that he had exceptional skill.

"He was very slow, but his football brain gave him an extra yard to make up for that.

"I recommended him to Brian and he followed up by signing him. Even then the lad

was the type who wouldn't do what coaches want.

"Beardsley is similar and it's because of their great skill.

"But I have to admit I never thought Paul would become an England player."

Problem

It was different with Steven, Kirkley was working for Burnley then and says: "A school teacher friend of mine, Bob Hamil, told me he was the best schoolboy player he'd seen.

"I went up to Berwick to see the lad and at the time, I had to agree, Newcastle wanted him, but they had a bad reputation then for not giving kids a chance.

"When I joined the club, it took me three years to overcome that problem. So persuading Trevor to join Burnley was easy. He liked the set-up and knew he'd get a chance at Turf Moor."

Kirkley, who's also worked for Blackpool and Chelsea, didn't have as much luck when he sent Beardsley to Burnley.

"Peter was a late developer. It was a hard job just to get him to play away from his estate at Longbenton.

But he used to come to Wallsend Boys Club, where I was football secretary. I sent him to Burnley when he was 18 and they turned him down.

Begged

"He didn't play particularly well when he was there but I begged them to take a chance on him.

"The problem was that Burnley had to be careful with money. But Harry Potts, manager there at the time later said to me: "The one time we didn't listen to you cost us, because we missed the best one of the lot."

Kirkley reckons his total of finds is enough to field three League teams.

They include Brian Laws (now with Nottingham Forest), Neil McDonald (Everton), Steve Bruce (Manchester United), Joe Allon (Chelsea), Ian Bogie and Paul Stephenson (Millwall), and Les Taylor, Watford's Cup Final captain in 1984.

The first of his discoveries to move for a big fee was Ray Hankin, signed for £170,000 by Leeds from Burnley in 1977.

Hankin is now youth coach at Darlington.

But forget Beardsley, Gazza, Steven and the rest, Kirkley says: "The best signing I've made is in Newcastle's team now — Lee Clark.

"As a schoolboy, Lee had everything: the skill of Beardsley and the passing ability of Steven.

"One of my scouts, Brian Clark, told me about him when the lad was only seven. That's how old he was the first time I saw him and he was a certainty then to play for England Boys."

Clark is now trying to fulfil his early promise and justify the hopes of Kirkley, who admits to his failures and disappointments.

"Steve Watson has attracted a lot of attention, but he's surprised us. After three years at our centre of excellence we still didn't sign him.

"We had him for three years, but he's a

Sunderland fan and wanted to go there.

"The worst misses? Shaun Murray, now with Portsmouth, and Alan Shearer of Southampton.

"I'd have put my last penny on Shaun becoming a big star. He trained with us regularly and used to come to matches with his black and white hat and gloves.

"But he went to Spurs and for some reason, hasn't done it. He's a home bird, so he might have been better staying on Tyneside.

"Shearer was here, but the club chose not to sign him and Jack Hixon, a scout for whom I

Seven-up Bankies on goal rampage

CLYDEBANK rock-ed the First Division form book when they thrashed high-flying Morton 7-1.

Ken Eadie notched a hat-trick, including two penalties, and John Hendry, Brian Wright, George Lowe and John Traynor added one apiece. Derek McInnes got the consolation.

And that left the Ban Kie's managing director Jack Steedman raving. "We have one of the youngest teams in the League," he said.

"But our veterans Ken Eadie, John Mather and Brian Wright are pulling them together superbly."

Dundee stayed top thanks to Albert Craig's 67th minute winner against Raith Rovers — but Ayr United lost their 100% League record to Kilmarnock, when Rae Montgomerie cancelled out Stuart Auld's goal.

Meadowbank's Steve Logan, Ian Little and Willie Irvine got the goals that sank Stirling Albion 3-2.

And Hamilton's Colin Harris scored from the spot to enable his side to take a point from Partick Thistle at Douglas Park. Colin McGlashan found the target for the Jags.

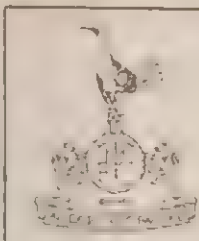
Steven King and Eddie Weleski steered Montrose to a 2-1 win over Forfar, with Gary Mearns netting for the visitors.



Beardsley and Gascoigne with their England teammates after the World Cup clash against Italy in Bari.

ABSW — TOP OF THE WORLD

FOR NOTHING



have great respect, took him to Southampton."

Newcastle's master talent spotter is philosophical about his discoveries being sold.

"It's something I have to accept. I was brought up on it at Burnley. I remember when Bob Lord sold Leighton James for £300,000 he said: 'There's a new stand'."

"Sure enough, Burnley built a stand with that cash — the Bob Lord stand."

"All you can do as a scout is try and find players. You've got to court them and persuade them your club is the right one."

"And I have to say I've never come across

● Gazza's the £7.5m dazzler

● Steven rings up £7m moves

● Then there's £4m Beardsley

a parent who's asked for any inducement of their son to sign

"You hear talk of back-handers, but it's never happened to me. I'll only do what I can legally because you could have a future £1m player on your hands."

Drain

Arthur Cox persuaded Kirkley to give up his job in sports recreation to go full-time at Newcastle under orders to stop the drain of schoolboy talent from the north-east.

Kirkley says: "I believe I've helped to do that. In recent years, the only ones of note to get away are Shearer and Andy Sinton, who's with QPR."

"But to me, I'm get-

ting paid for my hobby. I live for football."

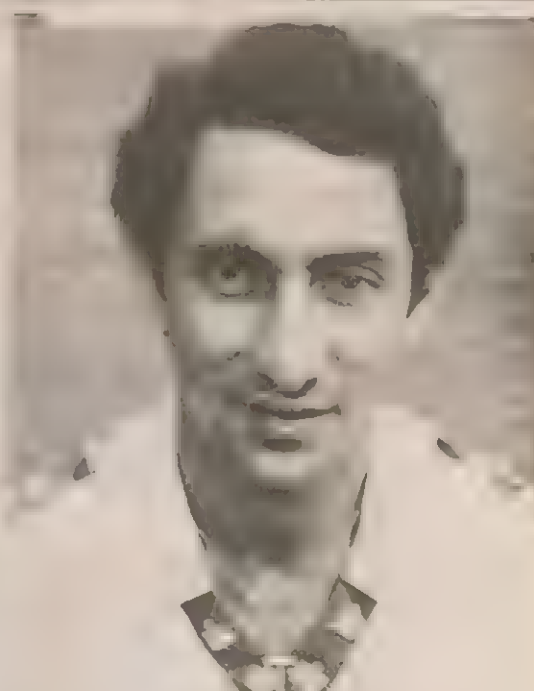
"I'm not married; no one could put up with the hours I put in for Newcastle," says Peter, who lives with his mother.

"And I'm working for a manager now, in Ossie Ardiles, who thinks on the same lines as I do. Skill comes first."

"It's easy to tell a player to get back. It's not so easy to say go forward."

"But that's Ossie's style and football has got to hope he succeeds."

Ardiles will have a better chance of being a winner on Tyneside if Kirkley continues to find players like Gascoigne, Steven and Beardsley.



OSSIE ARDILES

ALL THE RESULTS FROM BRITAIN

BARCLAYS LGE — DIV 1

ARSENAL	2	MAN CITY	1
HT 0-1	Att 35,000		
CHELSEA	4	LUTON	1
HT 3-0	Att 17,457		
COVENTRY	0	WIMBLEDON	1
HT 0-1	Att 9,469		
CPALACE	2	SHEFF WED	1
HT 0-0	Att 15,907		
LIVERPOOL	3	EVERTON	1
HT 2-0	Att 39,072		
MAN UTD	1	LEEDS	1
HT 0-1	Att 43,778		
NORWICH	0	TOTTENHAM	1
HT 0-1	Att 19,450		
NOTT FRST	3	OLDHAM	1
HT 2-0	Att 23,244		
SHEFF WED	4	QPR	1
HT 3-0	Att 25,022		
SOTON	1	AVILA	1
HT 1-1	Att 16,161		
WESTHAM	0	NOTTSCO	2
HT 0-0	Att 20,093		

DIVISION 2

BLACKBURN	1	IPSWICH	2
HT 0-1	Att 8,898		
BRIGHTON	3	WOLVES	3
HT 2-2	Att 10,621		
BRISTOL	1	NEWCASTLE	2
HT 0-1	Att 6,334		
CHARLTON	P	DERBY	P
GRMSBY	2	TRANMERE	2
HT 0-1	Att 7,018		
MIDDLESBRO	2	PORTSMOUTH	0
HT 0-0	Att 12,320		
PLYMOUTH	3	MILLWALL	2
HT 2-1	Att 5,369		
PVLE	1	BRISTOL	1
HT 1-0	Att 7,057		
SOUTHEND	1	LEICESTER	2
HT 0-0	Att 6,944		
SUNDERLAND	2	OXFORD	0
HT 1-0	Att 16,151		
SWINDON	3	BARNLEY	1
HT 0-1	Att 7,449		
WATFORD	1	CAMBUIT	3
HT 0-1	Att 8,902		

DIVISION 3

BIRMINGHAM	1	DARLINGTON	0
HT 1-0	Att 8,786		
BOLTON	1	LORIENT	0
HT 0-0	Att 5,058		
BOURNMOUTH	0	HULL	0
	Att 5,015		
BRADFORD	1	HARTLEPL	1
HT 0-0	Att 5,872		
BRENTFORD	2	HUDDERSFLD	3
HT 1-1	Att 5,459		
CHESTER	2	SWANSEA	0
HT 0-0	Att 1,162		
PETERBORO	1	STROKE	1
HT 1-1	Att 1,174		
READING	3	BURY	2
HT 1-0	Att 2,886		
SHREWSBURY	6	EXETER	1
HT 3-1	Att 2,912		
TORQUAY	0	FULHAM	1
HT 0-0	Att 3,299		
WESTBROM	1	WAGAN	1
HT 1-1	Att 12,063		

DIVISION 4

ALDERSHOT	3	MAIDSTONE	0
HT 2-0	Att 1,564		
BARNET	1	HEREFORD	0
HT 0-0	Att 2,860		
BLACKPOOL	2	SCUNTHORPE	1
HT 1-1	Att 3,273		
CARDIFF	1	CARLISLE	0
HT 0-0	Att 4,086		
CHESTERFELD	0	MANSFELD	2
HT 0-1	Att 4,740		
DONCASTER	1	BURNLEY	4
HT 1-1	Att 2,340		
ROCHDALE	1	LINCOLN	0
HT 1-0	Att 2,086		
ROTHERHAM	1	CREWE	2
HT 1-1	Att 4,362		
SCARBORO	2	WALSALL	3
HT 1-2	Att 2,002		

B & I PREMIER

CELTIC	0	RANGERS	2
DUNDEE UTD	0	ABERDEEN	6
DUNFREMLINE	0	ST JOHNSTNE	0
FALKIRK	3	A RDRIE	2
HEARTS	0	HIBERNIAN	0
MTHRWELL	1	ST MIRREN	6

DIVISION 1

HAMILTON	1	PARTICK	1
KILMARNOCK	1	AYR	1
MONTROSE	2	FORFAR	1
MORTON	1	CLYDEBANK	7
RAITH	0	DUNDEE	1
STIRLING	2	MEADOWBANK	3

DIVISION 2

ARBROATH	2	COWDENBTH	1
DUMFARTON	4	ALBION	3
EASTFIFE	2	STRANRAER	1
E STIRLING	3	BRECHIN	3
QUEEN OFS	0	BERWICK	3
QUEEN SPK	2	ALLOA	1
STENHSEMR	1	CLYDE	2

GM CONFERENCE

BOSTON	1	K DDMSTR	2
CHELTENHAM	0	BARROW	0
COLCHSTER	5	BATH	0
KETTER NG	1	WITTON	1
NORTHWICH	3	WELLING	2
REDBRIDGE	4	MACCLSFLD	0
SLOUGH	1	RUNCORN	0
STAFFORD	0	MERTHYR	0
TELFORD	1	FARNBORO	2
WYCOMBE	4	ALTRINCHM	2
YEOWIL	1	GATESHEAD	0

NFS LOANS LGE

BANGOR	4	ACCRINGTON	3
BUXTON	2	BISHOPA	1
DROYLSDEN	3	SHEPHERD	2
FLEETWOOD	0	STALYBRIDGE	2

ALL YOUR TABLES FROM ENGLAND

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Manchester Utd	5	3	2	0	1	11	11
Liverpool	5	3	1	1	7	4	10
Manchester City	5	3	1	1	7	5	10
Notts Forest	5	3	0	2	10	6	9
Tottenham	4	3	0	1	8	6	9
Leeds	4	2	2	0	7	2	8
Chelsea	5	2	2	1	11	9	8
Coventry	5	2	1	2	9	4	7
Sheffield Wed	4	2	1	1	9	6	7
Wimbledon	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Aston Villa	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
Arsenal	5	2	1	2	7	8	7
Notts County	5	2	1	2	5	6	7
Crystal Pal	5	2	0	1	7	6	6
Norwich	5	1	3	1	6	5	6
West Ham	5	1	2	2	4	6	5
Oldham	5	1	1	3	7	8	4
Everton	5	1	1	3	6	8	4
Southampton	5	1	1	3	5	9	4
Sheffield Utd	5	0	2	3	5	10	2
QPR	5	0	2	3	3	9	2
Luton	5	0	2	3	1	11	2

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ipswich	4	3	1	0	9	6	10
Cambridge	3	3	0	0	10	6	9
Middlesbrough	5	3	0	2	7	4	9
Bristol City	4	2	2	0	5	3	8
Leicester	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Sunderland	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Plymouth	3	2	0	1	5	5	6
Wolverhampton	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Tranmere	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Port Vale	5	1	2	2	4	5	5
Swindon	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Derby	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Charlton	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Grimsby	3	1	1	1	7	7	4
Southend	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Portsmouth	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Brighton	4	1	1	2	6	8	4
Newcastle	4	1	1	2	6	5	4
Millwall	3	1	0	2	6	5	4
Bristol Rov	3	0	2	1	6	7	2
Blackburn	3	0	1	2	2	4	1
Watford	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Barnsley	5	0	1	4	3	10	1
Oxford	5	0	0	5	2	6	0

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham	3	2	1	0	10	7	7
Stockport	3	2	1	0	7	4	7
Shrewsbury	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
West Bromwich	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Huddersfield	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Peterborough	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Chester	3	2	0	1	8	7	6
Brentford	3	2	0	1	8	7	6
Bolton	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
Port Vale	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Wigan	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Bradford	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Hull	3	1	1	1	2	2	4
Preston	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Darlington	3	1	0	2	2	3	3
Reading	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Torquay	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Fulham	3	1	0	2	1	3	3
Bournemouth	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Stoke	3	0	1	2	6	8	1
Leyton Orient	3	0	1	2	1	8	1
Bury	3	0	1	2	1	8	1
Swansea	3	0	1	2	1	8	1
Exeter	3	0	0	3	5	14	0

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackpool	3	3	0	0	10	7	9
Crewe	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
Burnley	3	2	0	1	7	3	6
Macclesfield	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Rotherham	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Barnet	3	2	0	1	7	5	6
Gillingham	2	1	1	0	5	1	5
Northampton	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Mansfield	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Rochdale	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Cardiff	3	1	1	1	1	1	4
Hull City	3	1	1	1	1	1	4
Walsall	3	1	1	1	3	5	3
Carlisle	3	1	0	2	4	3	3
Aldershot	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Chesterfield	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
York	3	0	3	0	2	2	3
Lincoln	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
Scunthorpe	4	0	2	1	4	8	3
Wrexham	4	0	2	1	2	3	2
Scarborough	4	0	1	2	3	7	1
Doncaster	4	0	0	3	0	7	0
Maidstone	4	0	0	3	0	7	0

... AND HOW THEY STAND IN SCOTLAND

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	5	4	1	0	7	1	9
Hearts	4	4	1	0	7	3	9
Rangers	5	4	0	1	14	1	8
Hibernian	5	3	2	0	8	3	8
Celtic	5	3	0	2	11	8	6
Motherwell	5	2	2	1	4	4	6
Dundee United	5	1	2	2	8	7	4
Falkirk	5	1	2	2	5	8	4
Airdrieonians	5	1	0	4	7	10	2
St Johnstone	5	0	2	3	3	11	2
St Mirren	5	0	1	4	2	12	1
Dunfermline	5	0	1	4	2	12	1

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee	5	5	0	0	14	5	10
Ayr	5	4	1	0	11	4	9
Partick	5	3	1	1	5	3	7
Morton	5	3	1	1	10	11	7
Hamilton	5	1	3	1	0	11	7
Clydebank	5	2	0	3	12	9	4
Raith	5	2	0	3	4	4	4
Meadowbank	5	2	0	3	8	9	4
Kilmarnock	5	1	2	2	5	6	4
Montrose	5	1	2	2	8	12	4
Stirling	5	0	2	3	5	8	2
Forfar	5	0	0	5	6	15	0



Here it is — the best soccer action show of the week

A spot of luck lets Luc grab late win

MOTHERWELL 1
ST MIRREN 0

THIS was a late, late show from Motherwell who collected the points from a Luc Nijholt penalty with barely 60 seconds remaining.

■ The manner of their victory prompted manager Tommy McLean to say: "We were definitely lucky."

"Determination and grit got us the result."

■ The home side created a number of openings but were lacking in the goalscoring department.

Their best chance came in 50 minutes when Phil O'Donnell headed an Iain Ferguson cross goalward only for Saints centre half Lex Baillie to head off the line.

■ Motherwell had difficulty in breaking down a Saints defence marshalled superbly by Roy Aitken.

But they made the breakthrough when Baillie pushed substitute Paul McGritten inside the area. Nijholt made no mistake from the spot and the award was perhaps justice for 'Well who had earlier been denied a strong penalty claim.

■ St Mirren battled bravely throughout but were also lacking punch up front.

BEST PLAY: Nijholt.
MOTHERWELL: Thomson, Philliben, Nijholt, Simpson, Maaskant, McCart, Kirk, Griffin, Ferguson, O'Donnell, Cooper.

ST MIRREN: Fridge, McGowne, Black, Alison, Baillie, Charnley, McIntyre, Martin, Irvine, Lambert, McGill.



HATELEY'S

RANGERS hero Mark Hateley took a fitness gamble with a dislocated shoulder for the first Old Firm clash of the season — and made sure it paid off.

His two goals in a fiercely-fought battle gained revenge for Rangers' league and cup defeats at Parkhead earlier in the year.

But the biggest looking point of Saturday's big clash was team-mate Pieter Huistra's "professional foul" on Tommy Coyne which robbed the Celtic striker of a chance to score an opening goal.

The Dutchman sent Coyne flying from behind on the edge of the box and left Celtic fans fuming because he got off with a yellow card.



MO JOHNSTON

A goal then would have made a big difference.

But it was Rangers who showed they could handle the pressure-pot atmosphere more comfortably.

And it was Hateley, sent off against Celtic earlier this year, who made the biggest impact.

He missed Rangers' last two matches because of the shoulder injury but revealed: "I told our physio before the match I WAS playing."

Wide

"There was a chance of the shoulder coming out but I felt that there wouldn't be any problems."

"And there was a big difference to my last game here — I finished the 90 minutes."

Hateley's first strike came after 35 minutes when Gary Gillespie fatally hesitated in intercepting a pass from Stuart McCall.

Hateley deliberately took the ball on tour, giving Pat Bonner a wide berth, before hitting into the net.

"I knew if I went straight the keeper might have brought me down and we'd have got a penalty."

"But as I don't get to take penalties I made sure of the goal," he grinned.

His second, on the hour, was the reward

for an untypical blunder by Bonner, who failed to hold an easy shot from a build-up with Mo Johnston.

Mountain

Celtic boss Liam Brady admitted: "I'm sure Packie will hold his hands up and say maybe he should have stopped it."

"But I still thought Hateley was excellent."

"If we'd kept it at 1-0 I felt we could have got an equaliser but after the second goal we had a mountain to climb."

Brady, a loser in his

first derbies as a player with Arsenal, Juventus and Inter Milan, had to suffer the same depressing fate on Saturday.

Escape

He added: "And it always hurts to end up on the losing side."

"But there'll be a lot more fixtures against Rangers, hopefully some in the cup."

Rangers boss Walter Smith said: "This was our hardest test so far defensively and I'm pleased with the result."

"Andy Gorm made

great saves which were important to us and in midfield Nigel Spackman and McCall are forming a great partnership."

The Scotland keeper made two great saves from Tony Cascarino and had to dive frantically to stop Charlie Nicholas scoring from a free-kick.

And Derek Whyte could have given himself a 23rd birthday present with another scoring chance.

But Rangers were almost totally in command.

How Edin-boring!

HEARTS...0
HIBS...0

THIS was the 201st Edinburgh derby — and none of the previous 200 can have been as bad as this one.

With both sides unbeaten, the fans expected a capital cracker but got a Festival City flop instead.

It was a nightmare first half, full of drab unimaginative play.

And although there was some sparkle about Hearts after the break, they never looked like breaking down a solid Hibs back line.

In fact it was Alex Miller's men who created the clearest chance of the game.

Graham Mitchell put Mickey Weir through on Henry Smith in the 67th minute.

But in keeping with the appalling standard of play, Weir took a fresh-air swipe and the ball trickled out of play.

Neither side had a player capable of pro-

viding any ingenuity.

Derek Ferguson was closely watched by Pat McGinlay and Craig Levein was never far from £600,000 Keith Wright.

Even hot-shot John Robertson never looked like adding to his tally of 17 goals in 24 derby games.

Hearts boss Joe Jordan said: "Given the amount of possession we had I'm disappointed we didn't maintain our 100% record."

"But I'm not too unhappy with the way my team played."

"I'm certainly a lot happier with today's performance than I was at Hamilton in mid-week, although we beat them and dropped a point today."

Hibs boss Miller admitted: "Everyone thought we'd come a cropper here but we've picked up a good away point and maintained out unbeaten record."

CURLED

"Now we have to follow that with victories at home."

"It wasn't a great game but Mickey Weir had the best chance and I thought Brian Hamilton and Pat McGinlay, did well."

"Derek Ferguson is a good player when he gets time and McGinlay handled him solidly."

Hearts came closest with two second-half efforts.

First a Gary Mackay drive whistled past John Burridge's upright. Then Scott Crabbe curled a free-kick around the Hibs wall and narrowly past.

But the Hibs defence, with Tommy McIntyre and Neil Orr outstanding, was more than a match for Hearts' shot-shy front three.

Referee Brian McGinlay booked Hibs' Gareth Evans, Weir and McGinlay as well as Hearts' Tosh McKinty.

BEST PLAYER: McIntyre.

HEARTS: Smith, McLaren, McKinlay, Levein, Mackay, McPherson, Crabbe, Ferguson, Baird, McBar, Robertson. Subs: Foster, Wright.

HIBS: Barridge, Orr, McLennan, Hunter, McIntyre, MacLeod, Weir, Hamilton, Wright, Evans, McGinlay. Subs: McGraw, Mivert.

McLEAN'S AGONY

DUNDEE UTD 0 ABERDEEN 0

DUNDEE UNITED'S injury nightmare goes on.

Darren Jackson, last season's top marksman, has been ruled out for around six weeks.

After this Premier League stalemate with their North East rivals, Tangerines' boss Jim McLean confirmed the worst.

Jackson, the subject of an exploratory knee examination on Friday, has had the injury diagnosed as cartilage trouble.

And Alex Cleland's late exit from last weekend's game with ankle trouble has given McLean new worries.

The defender was carried off following a clash with Aberdeen's Scott Booth two minutes from the end.

And the injury makes him extremely doubtful for the Tannadice club's Skol Cup quarter-final against Dunfermline at East End Park on Tuesday.

The Saturday derby proved to be a big disappointment for the

Tayside audience of 11,962.

The fans of both clubs had been used to highscoring affairs between the east coast pair but were in for a flop this time.

Keepers Alan Main and Theo Snelders, along with quality defender Stewart McKimmie, were the men mainly responsible for the stalemate.

Stops

Main, although having a couple of nervous minutes, emerged with

credit for his handling.

And Snelders was the man that mattered for the Dons with a couple of timely saves.

In an opening half that was dominated by United, Snelders produced his important stops from Hamish French as United sought out an opening.

And in the second period, once Aberdeen had settled, it was Main's turn to shine.

His excellent parry of a netbound Robert Connor header in the 52nd minute should have led to the

breakthrough.

The normally deadly Hans Gillhaus latched onto the rebound but managed only to fire his attempted finish off the underside of the crossbar and clear.

Five players were booked in what was anything but a dirty match, home quartet Dave Bowman, Gary Bolland, John Clark and Maurice Malpas, along with visitor Connor.

United boss McLean got it exactly right afterwards when he commented: "It was a game of two halves."

Right

Aberdeen boss Alex Smith voiced satisfaction with the outcome, pointing out:

"It was important for us to take something from this one hard on the heels of that Skol Cup setback."

BEST PLAYER: McKimmie.

DUNDEE UTD: Main, Clark, Malpas, Bowman, Van Der Moorn, Cleland, McLaren, McKinley, French, Paatelainen, Bowman.

ABERDEEN: Snelders, Wright, Winnie, Grant, Irvine, McKimmie, Mason, Bett, Bett, Connor, Gillhaus.



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PAIN GAME

CELTIC0
RANGERS 2

Kevin's a
double hit
for Bairns

He shurfs off shoulder injury to sink Celtic

As well as Huistra, the Ibrox men had McCall booked for stupidly kicking the ball away.

Scott Nisbet and Steve Fulton flirted dangerously with an eyeball-to-eyeball flare-up but escaped with a lecture.

Role

Nisbet, who was nearly on the way out of Ibrox recently, had an outstanding role in keeping Celtic's attack suppressed for much of the match.

With Sean Connery, Kenny Dalglish and Jack Charlton looking on it was a VIP performance from Rangers.

BEST PLAYER:
Hateley.

CELTIC: Bonner, Morris, Rogan, Grant, Whyte, Gillespie, Fulton, Coyne, Cascarino, Nicholas, Collins.

RANGERS: Goram, Stevens, Robertson, Gough, Spackman, Nisbet, McCall, Ferguson, Hateley, Johnston, Huistra.

RS MAKE IT A DOUBLE

RANGERS RESERVES 3
CELTIC RESERVES 1

CELTIC had defender Mark McNally sent off as they slumped to defeat in the Old Firm reserve match.

He got the red card for bringing down Ian Durrant as he sped on goal.

John Spencer was the Ibrox inspiration. He won the man of the match award and was a constant threat to the Celts defence.

He cancelled out an early Andy Walker goal with a 20-yard drive.

Then he gave Rangers the lead when he beat three defenders and crashed the ball past Gordon Marshall from 16 yards.

Gary McSwegan, who had scored two glorious chances, coolly stroke home Rangers' third.



TOMMY COYNE OF CELTIC

999-CALL FOR JIMMY

AXED goalkeeper Jim Leighton is set for a shock recall to Andy Roxburgh's squad to provide emergency cover for next week's crucial Swiss clash.

"With his experience I'd have no qualms about Jim," says the Scotland boss.

Roxy has a crisis on his hands with only regular No.1 Andy Gorm available. Normal standby keepers Campbell Money and Ally Maxwell are both out.

Bryan Gunn, Nor-

Roxburgh set to recall Leighton

wich, and Henry Smith, Hearts, are in the running to be included when the squad is announced this week.

But 58 caps Leighton, whose last appearance was against Brazil in the World Cup 16 months ago, isn't being ruled out by Roxburgh. "It's very difficult because he hasn't played first-team football for a season."

"But Manchester

United's goalkeeper coach Alan Hodgkinson has told me he's training hard and looking sharp... and there'd be no problems."

DERBY COUNTY are set to make a bid for Raith Rovers' midfielder Craig Brewster.

They have watched him in his last two matches but Raith boss Jimmy Nicoll wants to hold on to the 24-year-

old — signed during the close season from Forfar Athletic.

Brewster's transfer fee was settled at a tribunal last month with Rovers having to splash out £75,000 for the player.

Meanwhile, the tribunal will meet again on Friday, September 13, to determine a fee for Gordon Marshall.

Celtic offered £200,000 for the keeper but Falkirk are seeking £400,000.

The tribunal will also set a price for defender Gary Smith who moved from Falkirk to Aberdeen.

BAIRNS boss Jim Jefferies was delighted on Saturday after watching his side's first league win.

"We've put together a lot of good stuff this season so far without much return up front," he said.

"So I'm delighted that we found the net three times."

Kevin McAllister set Falkirk on their way with a spectacular fourth-minute opener.

Midway through the half Airdrie equalised through John Watson.

John Martin was carried off with a face injury after a clash with Simon Stainrod in the 35th minute.

Watson took over in goal, and his first duty was to pick the ball out of the net after McAllister latched on to a poor clearance from Jimmy Sandison.

Airdrie, with keeper Martin restored to goal after the break, equalised through Owen Coyle.

But their delight was shortlived, Eddie May hitting Falkirk's winner.

BEST PLAYER:
McAllister.

FALKIRK: Westwater, Duffy, McQueen, Hughes, Godfrey, Rice, McAllister, Taylor, McGivern, Stainrod, Smith.

AIRDRIE: Martin, Kidd, Stewart, Sandison, Watson, Honor, Lawrence, Balfour, Coyle, Conn, Jack.

Below-par show

DUNFERMLINE 0
ST JOHNSTONE 0

A POOR 90 minutes at East End Park left Dunfermline boss Iain Munro admitting: "St Johnstone probably deserved to take both points."

And Saints boss Alex Totten was the happier manager, with his side gaining an away point despite having seven players out through injury.

In a game where there were few scoring chances both keepers were in excellent form when called upon.

Andy Rhodes did well to keep out two tremendous efforts from Tommy Turner and Lindsay Hamilton kept the Perth side in the match with two superb saves in the space of a couple

but Tott is happy

of minutes in the second half.

He stopped a glancing header from substitute Eddie Gallagher and then palmed out a fierce volley from Andy Williamson.

All the other shots were long-range efforts in a mediocre match only lived up by the skills of Istvan Kozma and Tommy Turner.

BEST PLAYER: Turner.
DUNFERMLINE: Rhodes, Wilson, Cunningham, McCathie, Moyes, Williamson, Davies, McParland, Leitch, Robertson, Kozma.

ST JOHNSTONE: Hamilton, Trenor, Baltacha, Barron, McGinnis, I. Davies, Mashper, Turner, Wright, Redford, Curran.

United want Argie striker

DUNDEE UNITED are ready to make a second sensational swoop for a South American striker.

They're set to pay £400,000 for Argentinian international Victor Ferreyra.

He's a team-mate of Walter Rojas — signed by United from San Lorenzo for £200,000 last weekend.

Ferreyra, 26, is highly rated in Argentina, especially in the air, and he made a sensational start to his international career in March. In only his second game for the national side he scored a spectacular goal in a 3-3 draw with Brazil in Buenos Aires — a

strike United boss Jim McLean has already watched on video.

Ferreyra and Rojas were key men last season as San Lorenzo qualified for the South American equivalent of

the European Cup, the Libertadores Cup.

There would be no problem regarding work permits for the players as Ferreyra, like Rojas, holds a European passport.

NIGEL'S NEW DEAL?

☆ **RANGERS** are ready to discuss a new long-term deal with midfielder ace Nigel Spackman.

Ibrox boss Walter Smith last weekend dismissed reports linking him with his old team Liverpool and revealed:

☆ "We're looking to extend his contract even though it still has

two years to run.

"Nigel's experience is necessary for a team like ourselves."

☆ But Rangers' other English midfielder Terry Hurlock is set to move to Southampton over the next couple of days.

Aberdeen pair Ian Cameron and Scott Harvie are wanted by Motherwell.

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Givaway Lions pay price for blunders

PLYMOUTH 3
MILLWALL 2

TWO own goals in the last six minutes provided an amazing finale.

■ First Plymouth's Adrian Burrows turned in Alex Rae's cross in the 84th minute to level the scores at 2-2.

Four minutes later substitute Steve Wood, under pressure from Robbie Turner, turned in a Nicky Marker cross to give Plymouth the points.

■ There was little between the sides, but Millwall's defence was in a benevolent mood and virtually gave away two goals in the first half.

In the 28th minute a back header from Dennis Thompson left his keeper stranded and Dwight Marshall slipped in to trickle the ball home.

■ Fourteen minutes later Aidan Davison needlessly gave away a corner. Marker knocked the cross on and Burrows, back for his first game of the season after injury, headed in.

Millwall were lively up front and in first half injury time John Colquhoun hit the bar and Rae headed home the rebound.

Agony for Swansea

CHESTER 2
SWANSEA 0

SWANSEA suffered a cruel blow in the first minute when John Cornforth was carried off after clashing with Chris Lightfoot.

■ Cornforth was taken to hospital for X-rays on his injured leg.

Sub Paul Chalmers was twice thwarted inside the box, Terry Connor volleyed just wide and Mark Harris headed inches wide as Swans dominated the first half.

■ But Graham Abel headed Chester in front in the 57th minute and sub Neil Morton nodded in the second 15 minutes later.

New boy Udo sinks Torquay

TORQUAY 0 FULHAM 1

UDO Onwere fired Fulham's first League goal in 249 minutes to sink Torquay.

■ After being outclassed in the first half, Torquay stepped up a gear and Mark Dobie and Andy Rowland went close.

Torquay's frustration was complete five minutes from time when Mark Loram let rip from 25 yards only to see Jim Stannard's acrobatic drive keep out a certain goal.



DEAN'S THE

PETER BEARDSLEY was outgunned by Dean Saunders in the millionaire shoot-out and then heard the Kop tell him what a mistake he had made.

"What a waste of talent," jeered the Red Army. But the 30-year-old Geordie did nothing to hint that Graeme Souness had got his sums wrong when paying out three times more for Saunders than he got for Beardo.

Howard Kendall had asked the little man to show a striker's selfishness. But he never came close to scoring his first league goal — not only for Everton but his first in nine months.

His first shot did not come until 13 minutes from time and the volley disappeared over Bruce Grobbelaar's bar.

And Beardsley made no real impact until the 80th minute when he laid on a deserved goal for Mike Newell, who had outshone him.

But by the time Newell had beaten keeper Grobbelaar, Everton's cause in the 144th league derby was already blown by their own errors.

Within a minute, they had handicapped

themselves with a half clearance with gave David Burrows the chance to score his first goal for Liverpool.

And ball-watching cost them Dean Saunders's 14th minute second goal.

Neville Southall won't remember this affair with any favour, either. The neat Welshman showed he was human for once.

He was left standing for the first and then beaten twice inside his near post.

The last time was by Ray Houghton in the 63rd minute which finally killed off Everton's spirited bid to get back into the game which their defence had thrown away.

Everton had Alan Harper operating between Dave Watson

Saunders gets the better of Beardo in Mersey battle

LIVERPOOL 3
EVERTON 1

And Newell's head work brought half chances for John Ebbrell. The midfielder was squeezed out for the first but then buried a volley in the relieved Grobbelaar's side netting.

All Newell got for his fire and determination was an entry into the book for clattering Nicol.

Drop

Liverpool struck again with a goal which was sure to spark an inquest in the Everton dressingroom.

Mark Walters's deep cross from the left should have been no danger but it gave Saunders his second goal in two games.

Young Ebbrell, his minder, was caught ball-watching at the far post.

The ball dropped at Saunders's feet six yards out and Southall was somehow beaten at his near post.

BEST PLAYER: Newell. **LIVERPOOL:** Grobbelaar, Ablett, Burrows, Nicol, Whelan, Tanner, Saunders, Houghton, McManaman, Walters, McMahon.

EVERTON: Southall, Harper, Ebbrell, McDonald, Watson, Keown, Ward, Beardsley, Newell, Cottee, Sheedy.

BOURNEMOUTH 0
HULL 0

BOURNEMOUTH warhorse Jimmy Case was left scratching his head in disbelief.

☆ His new side ran rings around Hull but could not hand the knockout punch.

A string of missed chances coupled with some brave defending and solid goalkeeping from youngster Alan Fettes kept Bournemouth at bay.

☆ Veteran Case, 37, ran the show from midfield but strikers Jimmy Quinn and Andy Jones wasted his services.

Quinn found the net after 35 minutes but was pulled up for fouling Fettes following a neat pass from Case.

☆ Hull's £1.5m rated striker Andy Payton showed some stylish touches but lacked the service to trouble Bournemouth's defence.

Payton pulled the ball back after leaving defenders Mark Morris and Paul Morris standing. But Paul Hunter could only put the ball over.



Goalkeeper Neville Southall and a shocker

ROBBO RESCUE

MAN UTD 1 LEEDS 1

BRYAN ROBSON kept the Reds top of the First Division with a dramatic equaliser just four minutes from time.

Robbo rammed in a left-footed shot after his first drive had been blocked.

The deposed England skipper's late strike denied Leeds the League leadership as both sides remained unbeaten. And no-one was more relieved than the Reds' giant keeper Peter Schmeichel.

The £750,000 Danish international had been mainly responsible for his side's position at the top of the First Division.

He had become an in-

stant Old Trafford hero with four clean sheets.

But his early clanger gifted Lee Chapman, the First Division's top marksman last time, his

Late stunner keeps United out in front

first goal of the season.

Pressure

Leeds then had to soak up sustained second half pressure and looked like surviving.

The view was strengthened when referee Ken Redfern denied Alex Ferguson's side a 68th minute penalty when Chris Whyte bundled over Mark Hughes.

And again six minutes from time when Clayton Blackmore rattled the Leeds post.

But Captain Marvel Robson had the final say with his second goal of the season to save his side from what would

have been an unjustified defeat.

Schmeichel's hopes of equalling his hero Gary Bailey's record 10 years ago of keeping five successive clean sheets were dashed after just seven minutes.

Tony Dorico found Gary Speed, who crossed from the left after showing some delightful control.

Schmeichel should have claimed the ball when he left his line, only to inexplicably miss it in the air and for Chapman to head in at the far post.

The Reds' problems increased seven minutes later when Paul Ince was injured trying to reach a Neil Webb cross which needed Gary McAllister to make a vital clearance.

The knock forced Ince out of the match in the 21st minute.

By then, Leeds could have been two up, Speed lifting the ball over the top after initially controlling well when Chapman headed down.

A two-goal advantage would have been fitting, such was Leeds' superiority.

BEST PLAYER: Webb. **MAN UTD:** Schmeichel, Parker, Irwin, Bruce, Webb, Parker, Robson, Ince, McClair, Hughes, Blackmore.

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SUPER SOCCER LEADERS ALL YEAR ROUND

TOP SHOT



Striker Dean Saunders in top form for the Reds

KILLER QUINN

BRISTOL ROVERS 1 NEWCASTLE 2

MICKY QUINN clinched the killer goal as **Second Division** promotion favourites **Newcastle** turned on the style.

Quinn pounced in the 51st minute when a long throw by Rob Elliott was chased into the area by Gavin Peacock.

He cross was hit towards goal by Quinn, keeper Brian Parkin parried the effort but was given no chance as the striker followed up.

Rovers had fallen behind in first-half injury-time.

Liam O'Brien sent a dipping shot into the top corner from 25 yards after the ball appeared to take a deflection.

The Geordies hit the woodwork three times as they put Rovers on the rack.

Quinn hit a shot on

Micky has Rovers on the ropes

the turn against the post from 10 yards after four minutes.

Then Peacock lobbed against the bar after

being put through by David Roche.

And, when Franz Carr set up an open goal for Peacock, Parkin made a great fingertip save to touch the ball against the base of the post.

Justin Skinner made himself an instant hit with the Rovers fans following his record £130,000 move from Fulham in midweek.

The 22-year-old midfielder player rejuvenated Rovers when he came on in the second half.

He missed an open goal when he volleyed too high and then tested keeper Pavel Srnicek with a long shot.

And Skinner popped up three minutes from time to score a debut goal when he knocked in the rebound after Andy Reece had hit the post.

BEST PLAYER: Carr.

PORT VALE 1 BRISTOL 1
AN INSPIRED flick header by sub **Nicky Morgan** saved City.

His 67th minute leveller maintained their good start to the season, cancelling a 35-yard strike by Vale full back Simon Mills.

On 44 minutes Mills latched on to a loose

City are sent crashing by Anders the dazzler

ARSENAL 2
MAN CITY 1

MANCHESTER City's unbeaten record melted in the sizzling Highbury sunshine as Arsenal staged a comeback worthy of champions.

City were the better side in the first half — when they deservedly took the lead — but they simply couldn't cope with the Gunners' power and space after the interval.

It was just two minutes into the second half when City's troubles began.

Drove

A Lee Dixon throw was only half cleared and David Rocastle promptly drove the ball back into the goal-mouth with City's rear-guard at full stretch.

Alan Smith reacted before any of the visitors to stab the ball goalwards and it took a deflection which wrong-footed City keeper Tony Coton.

With Coton and his defenders closing ranks, it began to look as though Arsenal, for all their effort, were going to be frustrated.

But with 13 minutes to go, Arsenal grabbed the winner they had been chasing.

The strike came after an incredible sequence which started with a Paul Merson cross letting in Davis for an effort which Coton pushed aside.

Thomas was on the ball in a flash and smashed it against the cross bar with the keeper well

beaten this time. But before the crowd had finished Groaning, Anders Limpar whacked the rebound straight into the corner of the net.

Edge

There was a great deal in City's play which explained their fine start to the season and they had the edge in midfield, where they were well marshalled by player-manager Peter Reid before he ran out of breath and came off in the closing stages.

Keeper David Seaman was at fault when Ian Brightwell gave City the lead after 31 minutes.

Seaman was slow coming off his line after Niall Quinn had flicked on a left-wing cross — and as the big Arsenal keeper hesitated, Brightwell nipped in to head home.

Seaman should have been on his toes. City had given him plenty of work in the opening stages as they launched a series of attacks, obviously keen to live up to their new exalted position as First Division front runners.

As early as the third minute, Seaman was extended to stop a long-range Steve Redmond free-kick.

A few minutes later, he did well to turn a fierce volley from Quinn for a corner, leaving the ex-Arsenal

**BARNET 1
HERESFORD 0**

SECOND-HALF substitute Roger Willis dramatically secured Barnet's first home victory of the season last weekend with a goal in the fifth minute of time added on.

★ It was no more than Barry Fry's promoted side deserved after controlling the game for long periods.

★ But it was a cruel blow for Hereford keeper Tony Elliott who had stood between Barnet and another hatful of goals — Barnet had scored nine times in two games before last weekend. Elliott, 20, was under siege from the very first minute.

Cardiff spot on

**CARDIFF 1
CARLISLE 0**

FULL back Mark Jones fired home a 67th minute penalty to give Cardiff their first League win.

Sub Nathan Blake's first touch saw him pulled down by Simon Jeffs and Jones made no mistake.

Nippy Nicky heads off trouble

ball and let fly to give Keith Welch no chance.

Vale held the upper hand in the first half, keeping City pinned down for long periods.

Gary Shelton's 28-yard volley was bril-

liantly saved by Vale keeper Mark Crew.

Shelton's bad luck continued when he was carried off after a clash of heads.

Nicky Morgan replaced Bob Taylor after 55 minutes. And

with skipper Shelton restored to the action City came alive.

Shelton was involved in almost everything and twice went close within 15 minutes of the restart.

BEST PLAYER: Morgan.

striker feeling he should have done a little better.

But it looked as if the Gunners had taken command when little Limpar started to cause all kinds of problems for the City defenders.

Both Merson and Smith were just off target with snapshots.

But Limpar topped off his performance with the second half decider.

BEST PLAYER: Limpar.

ARSENAL: Seaman, Dixon, Winterburn, Thomas, Groves, Adams, Rocastle, Davis, Smith, Merson, Limpar.

MANCHESTER CITY: Coton, Hill, Pointon, Reid, Curle, Redmond, White, Brightwell, Quinn, Merson, Brennan.

A doddle for Hoddle

**SWINDON 3
BARNLEY 1**

GLENN HODDLE'S Swindon notched their first League win of the season after a classy second half demolition of ragged Barnley.

■ Goals from substitute Martin Ling and twin strikers Steve White and Duncan Shearer rescued the points for Town after an early scare.

Swindon went behind after only 54 seconds. A disastrous mistake on the edge of his own penalty area by makeshift fullback Tom Jones let in Barnley's Brendan O'Connell. ■ He pounced on the error, and a cheeky back heel gave Ian Banks a shooting chance from 25 yards.

His left foot drive swerved away from Swindon keeper Fraser Digby and hit the top right-hand corner of the net.

■ Town came out fighting in the second half and were soon level.

Then they piled on the pressure to make sure they took all the points.

BEST PLAYER: Simpson (Swindon).

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BLACKBURN LINE UP

NEW RULE?

MONTECATINI, Italy, — A FIFA technical commission is considering using the number of corner kicks as a way to decide tied games rather than the current system of penalty kicks.

The idea, disclosed by some members of the FIFA commission, has touched off differences among soccer experts gathered in his Tuscan resort for the Under-17 World Championship.

According to some members of the commission awarding victory in games which remained tied after extra time to the team with the greatest number of corner kicks could be a fair alternative to penalty kicks, a method which has come under increasing criticism since the 1990 World Cup.

A sudden-death overtime period, ending the game whenever a goal is scored as opposed to two 15-minute extra sessions, also was suggested.



On the wanted list:
Ken Dalglish.

DALGLISH

BLACKBURN ROVERS are lining up a sensational move to bring Kenny Dalglish to replace "on trial" boss Don Mackay.

Millionaire chairman Jack Walker is said to have given Mackay a month to get Rovers right.

Walker warned before the season opened: "I want us winning from the start — not halfway through."

He has already proved his ambition by backing £2 million bids for Gary Lineker, Paul Stewart and Teddy Sheringham.

There's no bigger target than Dalglish, winner of 26 trophies as a player and boss.

Liverpool are unlikely to exercise their powers of veto for his move to the Second Division side.

Dalglish has done lit-

tle except play golf and enjoy family life since walking out of Liverpool in February, 10 days before his 40th birthday.

He blamed stress for turning his back on £250,000 a year at Anfield and for months he stayed away from soccer.

Now he's watching matches again and a friend says: "He's desperate to get back and ready to take over something potentially big."

Blackburn is potentially big.

Jersey based steel magnate Walker is ready to pour millions into bringing back the glory days.

He wants to be in the Premier Division and develop Ewood into a super stadium.

And he wouldn't break sweat at making Dalglish the highest paid boss in the British game and allowing him

to bring in Alan Hansen as his No 2.

Rovers, one of the League's original dozen, have been out of the First Division 25 years.

The last of their six FA Cup wins was in 1928.

Last season they were heading for the Third Division until Walker allowed them to break their transfer record three times to land Bobby Mimms, Steve Livingstone and Tony Dobson.

He's doled out another £1.5 million for David Speedie, Steve Agnew and Stuart Munro.

Rovers lost 2-1 at home to Ipswich at the weekend and are still waiting for their first win of the season.

They've scored only three times, one of them an own goal.

Last week they went out of the League Cup.

CRUNCH

SCOTLAND's referees must be allowed to come clean on controversial decisions.

Saturday's 51,000 Old Firm crowd were the latest victims of the gag on refs.

They were kept in the dark over the first half incident when Celtic's Tommy Coyne was sent

crashing by a tackle from behind by Peter Huistra on the edge of the box.

Coyne had a good chance of shooting Celtic into the lead.

But their fans were left fuming because Rangers' winger got off with a caution from referee Jim McClusky.

Liam Brady asked

Old Firm row as refs gag leaves Celts fans fuming

the ref for an explanation.

"But our conversation remains private," the Celtic boss firmly stated, otherwise he could be in trouble with the SFA.

Brady, however, conceded his team were second-best to Rangers, who won with two Mark Hateley goals.

He said: "We've got a lot of hard work to do. There's a lot of bruised egos and pride — mine included."

Rangers are poised

for a massive £7 million kit sponsorship deal with sportswear giants Adidas.

Marseille chairman Bernard Tapie, who recently signed Trevor

Steven from Rangers for £5 million controls Adidas.

And another £7 million would completely wipe out Rangers' overdraft.



Celtic boss Liam Brady.

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Sunday, September 9

★ Italian Soccer — 10.30am

★ The world's most glamorous football competition returns to SBS with highlights of the opening round of the 1991/92 season's most attractive game. Also all the goals from the other matches.

★ European Football — 11.30pm

★ Main match: Barcelona v Real Sociedad — the kick-off to the new Spanish season between the reigning champions and the ambitious Basque challengers.



Shock Scot call for Jim

THERE's good and bad news for down-in-the-dumps keeper Jim Leighton.

Scotland boss Andy Roxburgh may recall the axed Manchester United star to the squad for next week's clash with the Swiss.

The bad news? He's still only third choice at Old Trafford.

Roxy has a crisis on his hands with only regular No 1 Andy Goram available.

"With his experience, I'd have no qualms about Jim," said the Scotland boss.

But at United, Leighton is ranked behind Gary Walsh who is likely to replace Dane Peter Schmeichel in the Rum-

belows Cup against

Cambridge on September 25.

Schmeichel will be on international duty.

GLASGOW RANGERS are ready to discuss a new contract with midfielder Nigel Spackman.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY are trialing Mike Newell.

Boss Trevor Francis is rivalling Blackburn

for Everton's £1 million hitman.

GILLINGHAM striker Peter Beadle, 19, with three goals in four appearances as sub, is attracting scouts from a flock of top clubs.



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